

2023-24 Budget Overview and Discussion

Presentation to the
Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education
Wednesday, April 5, 2023



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ACADEMICS

INSTRUCTIONAL AND ASSESSMENT PRACTICES THAT ARE ALIGNED TO A STRONG AND RELEVANT CURRICULUM.



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CHARACTER

POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS ARE ESSENTIAL TO BECOMING CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.



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COMMUNITY

STRENGTHENING FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION.



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WELLNESS

ENHANCING SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AND BALANCE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF BY SUPPORTING ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR.

Our mission...

TO EDUCATE AND PREPARE ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL, DISCOVER THEIR PURPOSE, AND BE ENGAGED COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



BUDGET OVERVIEW

John McPhillips
Chief Business and Financial Officer



2023-24 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

AS OF 4/5/23

	Expenditures	Revenue	Gap
Baseline as of 2/15/23	\$105,894,984	\$(105,175,946)	\$719,038
Transportation 2/15/23	67,753	0	67,753
Technology 2/15/23	535,090	0	535,090
Athletics 3/1/23	29,255	0	29,255
O&M 3/1/23	15,000	0	15,000
Instructional Program 3/15/23	49,221	0	49,221
Miscellaneous 3/15/23	100,000	0	100,000
Revised State Aid Estimate 3/15/23	0	76,608	76,608
ADJUSTED BASELINE	\$106,691,303	\$105,099,338	\$1,591,965



TRANSPORTATION

ADDITIONS

Description	FTE	Cost
Telematics Specialist - Appendix 6, Grade 11 (Estimate includes salary and fringe)	1.0	\$67,753
TOTAL	1.0	\$67,753



TECHNOLOGY

ADDITIONS / (REDUCTIONS)

Description	FTE	Cost
Security Operations Center		\$100,000
Hardware / Software Replacement and Updates		158,000
Parent Square		25,200
School Front		50,000
Data Web Architect (1 Year Replacement)	1.0	115,000
Senior Systems Administrator (1 Year Replacement)	1.0	115,000
School Messenger		(14,610)
Optigate		(13,500)
TOTAL	2.0	\$535,090



ATHLETICS

ADDITIONS

Description	Cost
Modified Football Coach	\$4,255
Travel Expenses (NYSPHSAA Championships)	20,000
Field Rental Costs - Capital Project	5,000
TOTAL	\$29,255



OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

ADDITIONS

Description	Cost
Pandemic Response Equipment and Supplies	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$15,000



K-12 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

ADDITIONS

Description	FTE	Cost
Instructional Technology Specialist	1.0	\$91,900
Elementary (K-2) Instructional Coach for MTSS	1.0	91,900
Social Worker - Saratoga Center for the Family		50,000
K-12 Enrichment Funds		14,930
Clerical - BCMS Counseling Office	0.5	27,150
Clerical - Eagle Elementary Library Media Center	0.5	27,150
Intramurals - MS Swim & Elementary		6,525
Monitor - BCMS (one hour increase)		3,880
Odyssey of the Mind Stipend		2,296
TOTAL		\$315,731

K-12 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

REDUCTIONS

Description	FTE	Cost
World Languages Teacher (Latin)	1.0	\$(91,900)
Physical Education Teacher	0.9	(82,710)
Music Teacher	0.5	(45,950)
Art Teacher	0.5	(45,950)
TOTAL		\$(266,510)

Net addition to instructional program = \$49,221



MISCELLANEOUS

ADDITIONS

Description	Cost
Yondr Program	\$28,000
Vision Screening for Elementary - Titmus Machines (\$4,300/ea)	22,000
Communications - Videography Services	50,000
TOTAL	\$100,000



2023-24 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES (BY TYPE)

Description	Budget 2022-23	Baseline Budget 2023-24	Adjusted Budget 2023-24
Salaries	\$54,876,390	\$56,751,570	\$56,995,510
Fringe Benefits	24,752,700	26,249,184	26,285,018
Debt Service - reduced due to maturing bonds	7,908,465	7,411,585	7,411,585
BOCES Services	4,876,587	5,065,693	5,112,783
Equipment/Supplies & Contractual	9,769,858	9,902,952	10,372,407
Transfers/Capital Outlay	514,000	514,000	514,000
TOTAL - INCREASE OF \$3,993,303 or 3.89%	\$102,698,000	\$105,894,984	\$106,691,303



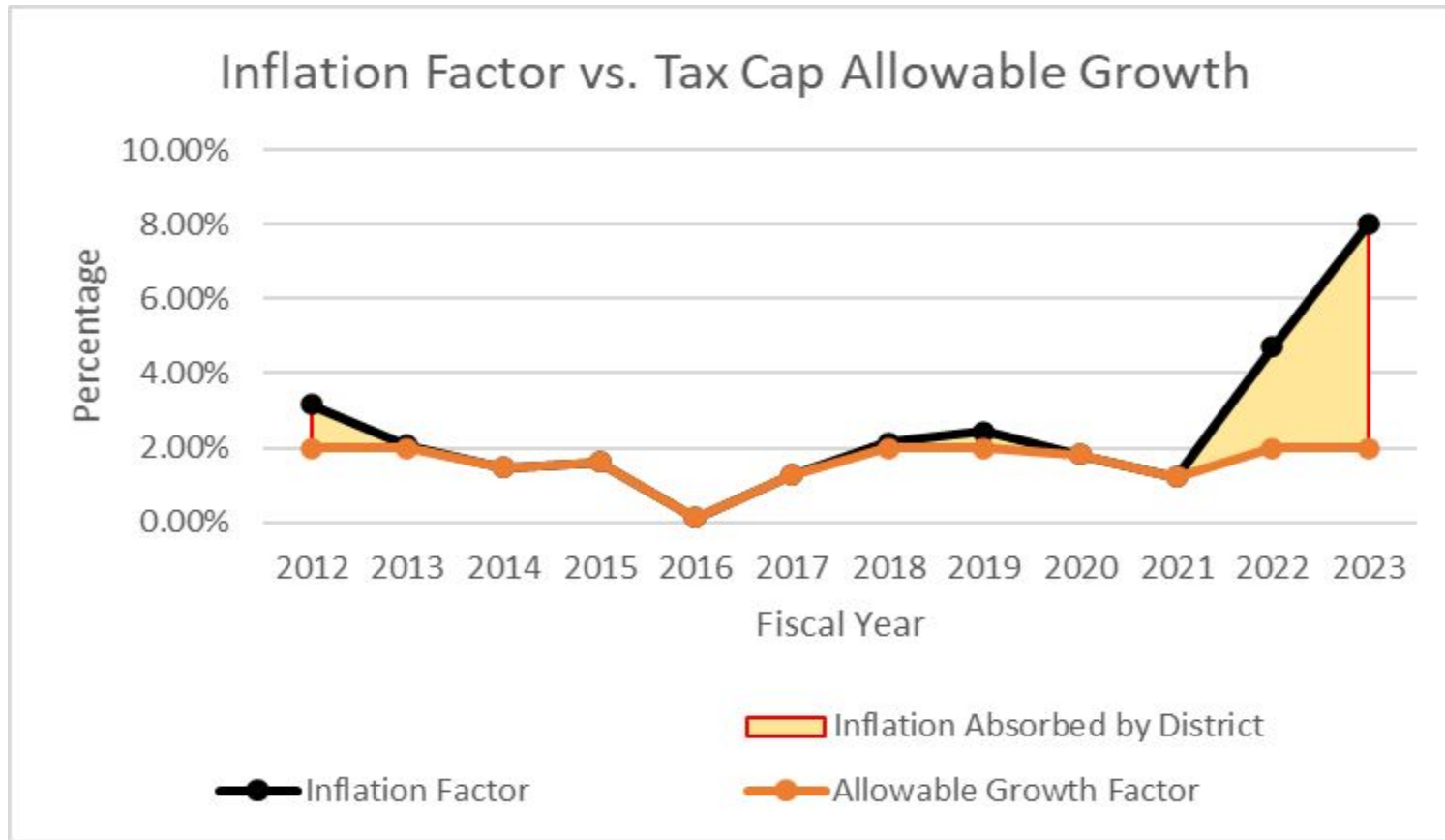
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BUDGET SUMMARY BY PROGRAM AREA

Description	Baseline 2022-23	Baseline 2023-24	Adjusted Budget 2023-24
Administrative - 2/15/23	\$3,783,758	\$3,896,770	\$3,896,770
Instructional Programs/Miscellaneous - 3/15/23	36,770,832	38,243,816	38,395,139
Special Education and Student Services - 3/15/23	12,730,681	13,158,207	13,158,207
Transportation - 2/15/23	6,263,705	6,705,401	6,763,661
Operations and Maintenance - 3/1/23	5,777,969	5,697,485	5,712,485
Athletics - 3/1/23	1,042,078	1,137,371	1,166,626
Technology - 2/15/23	3,320,812	3,395,164	3,901,812
Fringe Benefits - 2/15/23	24,714,700	26,249,184	26,285,018
Debt Service - 2/15/23	7,908,465	7,411,585	7,411,585
TOTAL	\$102,313,000	\$105,894,984	\$106,691,303

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INFLATION IMPACT TO THE DISTRICT



- The District experienced significant inflationary pressures over the last two fiscal years of 4.7% and 8.0%.
- The Tax Cap provides for a maximum, capped inflationary increase of 2%.
- Any difference is absorbed by the District by prioritizing service delivery and operational needs.
- Resource management and strategic planning have been and remain critical.



2023-24 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF BUDGETED REVENUES

Description	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
School Taxes	\$69,233,000	\$70,824,965
PILOT Payments	3,780,000	3,885,000
State Aid	28,019,000	30,297,234
Other Revenue	1,666,000	1,684,104
Use of Fund Balance	0	0
TOTAL	\$102,698,000	\$106,691,303



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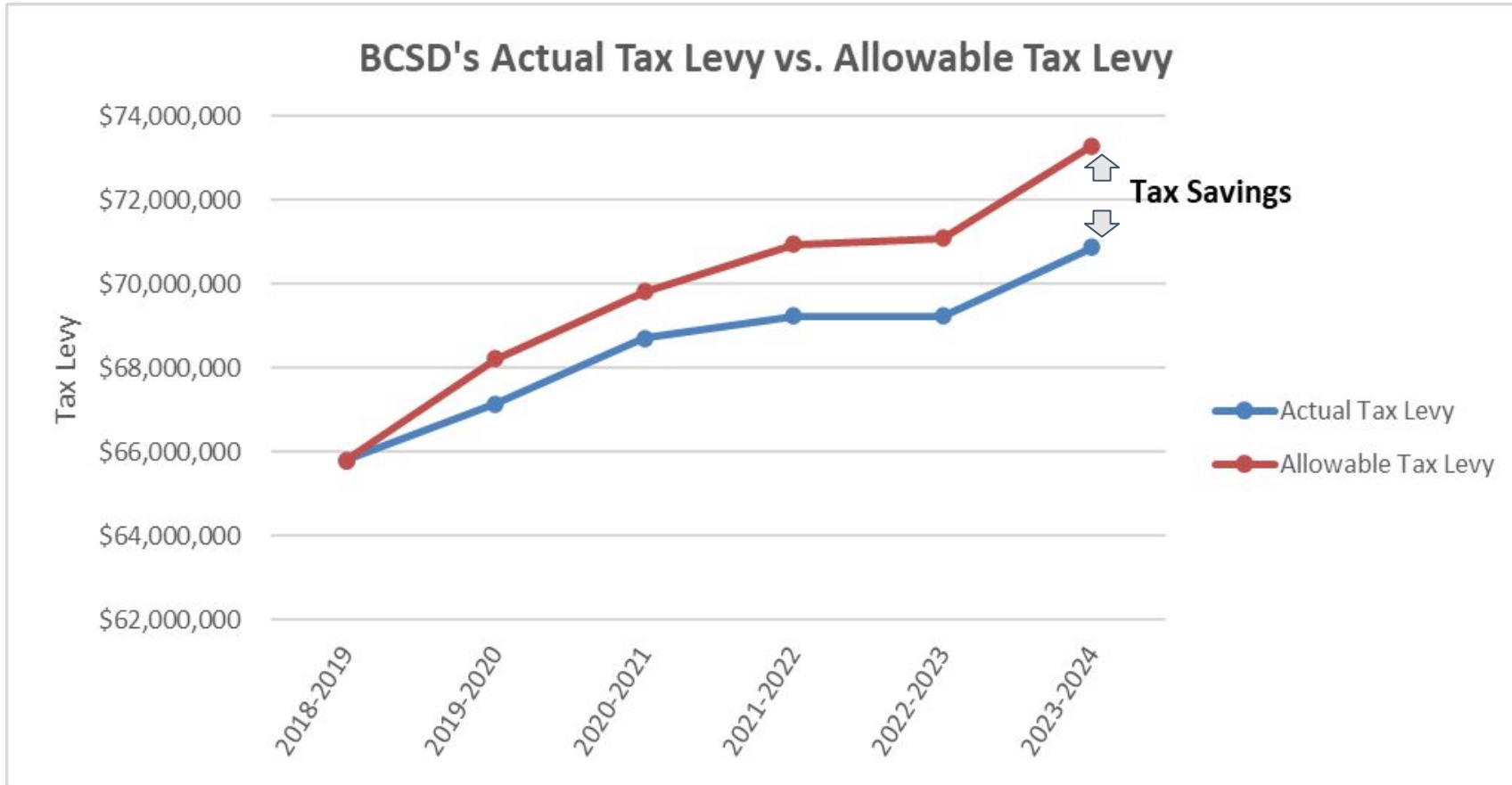
SUMMARY OF BUDGETED REVENUES

Description	Budget 2021-2022	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy	\$69,821,110	\$69,335,851	\$71,368,606
Taxes Levied	\$69,233,000	\$69,233,000	70,824,965
Year to Year Tax Levy Increase \$	\$515,000	\$0	\$1,591,965
Allowable Tax Levy Increase %	1.61%	0.15%	3.08%
Actual Tax Levy Increase %	0.75%	0.00%	2.30%
Unused Allowable Tax Levy	\$588,110	\$102,851	\$543,641
Allowable Tax Levy Not Levied - Last Three FYs			\$1,234,602



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TAX LEVY COMPARISON



- **\$8,193,000 in cumulative savings over the course of the last six budget cycles.**
- **Represents fiscal stewardship by the District to minimize impact to real property taxpayers.**



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FINAL STATE AID ESTIMATE

Description	2022-23	2023-24
Foundation Aid	\$15,430,500	\$18,248,897
Other Aid Items (BOCES/special ed)	3,791,500	3,882,938
Transportation	4,582,000	4,723,835
Building Aid - maturing debt yields reduced aid	4,215,000	3,716,910
High Impact Tutoring Set Aside		(275,346)
TOTAL BUDGETED STATE AID	\$28,019,000	\$30,297,234
Increase in Budgeted Aid - 8.13%		\$2,278,234



FUND BALANCE & RESERVES

	6/30/21	6/30/22	Est. 6/30/23
Encumbrances	\$1,020,819	\$243,569	\$300,000
Workers' Comp	895,000	840,000	840,000
Employee Benefits	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Tax Certiorari	500,000	500,000	500,000
Retirement (ERS)	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000
Retirement (TRS)	1,925,000	2,605,000	2,605,000
2015 Capital Reserve	5,100,000	5,100,000	5,100,000
2019 Capital Reserve	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
2022 Capital Reserve	0	6,200,000	11,700,000
Mandatory Reserve for Debt	95,200	1,440,657	1,440,657
Appropriated Fund Balance	390,000	0	0
Undesignated (< 4% budget)	3,471,579	4,330,441	4,269,398
TOTAL	\$27,497,598	\$35,359,667	\$40,885,055

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CAPITAL RESERVE STATUS AS OF 4/5/23

Capital Reserves				
	Originally Authorized	Available	Committed	Estimated Balance
2015 Capital	\$10,000,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	\$0
2019 Capital	10,000,000	10,000,000	8,300,000	1,700,000
2022 Capital	20,000,000	6,200,000	0	6,200,000
Total Capital Reserve	\$40,000,000	\$21,300,000	\$13,400,000	\$7,900,000



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FUND BALANCE - § 1318 REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

As of June 30, 2022	
Voter Approved Expenditure Budget	\$102,698,000
4% Maximum Threshold	4,107,920
Assigned Fund Balance (Encumbrances)	243,569
Unassigned Fund Balance	4,330,441
Total Fund Balance	4,575,010
Fund Balance Above Threshold - 2021-2022 Audit Adjustment	222,521



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SUMMARY OF FUTURE PILOT PAYMENTS

Description	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Total PILOT Payments	\$3,780,000	\$3,885,000	Drops to \$400,000 - End of PSEG PILOT - \$3.4M loss of revenue
Est. Tax Cap Calculation	0.15%	3.08%	8.96% Not Recommended

Prepare for Impact of PSEG PILOT ending in 2024-25 

Will require reduced expenditures and/or substantial use of fund balance. If districts could maintain more than 4% in fund balance, or have a Rainy Day Reserve as NYS proposes for itself, we would have a more effective tool to address this change. A substantial tax increase is NOT recommended.



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MULTI-YEAR PROJECTION

DESCRIPTION <i>(in millions)</i>	2023-2024	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
School Taxes (Assumed + 2% per year)	\$70.9	\$72.2	\$73.7	\$75.2
PILOT Payments	3.9	0.4	0.4	0.3
State Aid, (Assumed + 2% per year)	30.3	30.9	31.5	32.2
All Other Revenue	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Use of Fund Balance/Reserves	0.0	2.6	3.1	4.3
Revenues	106.7	107.8	110.4	113.6
Expenditures	106.7	107.8	110.4	113.6
Surplus (Deficit)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

The “fiscal cliff” is in 2024-25 -- PILOTs drop off --



CAPITAL OUTLAY *(included in budget)*

BCHS: AVIGILON DOOR STATUS MONITORING SYSTEM (ADSMS)



BALLOT PROPOSITIONS



TRANSPORTATION – BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION

OVERVIEW OF COST OF BUSES, NET OF AID

Description of Vehicle	Cost/Bus	Aid at 68%	Net Cost/Bus	Cost times Number of Buses, = Proposition Amount
70-passenger Electric Bus (Large EV Bus)	\$404,774	\$275,246	\$129,528	1 = \$404,774
8-passenger Gasoline 4X4 (Tahoe)	\$64,473	\$43,842	\$20,631	2 = \$128,946
TOTAL				\$533,720



TRANSPORTATION – BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION

PROPOSITION LANGUAGE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to

- (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$568,720 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof
 - one (1) 70 passenger electric bus and
 - two (2) 8-passenger gasoline 4x4 suburbans
- (2) expend such sums for such purpose,
- (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and
- (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$568,720, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a principal amount not to exceed \$568,720 to acquire such vehicles.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

On May 16, voters in the Bethlehem Central School District will elect *three* members of the Board of Education for a 3-year term, expiring June 30, 2026. Nominating petitions will be available beginning today, February 15 from the District Clerk, Brittany Barrett. All petitions are due by Monday, April 17 at 5 pm.



Christine Beck



Holly Dellenbaugh

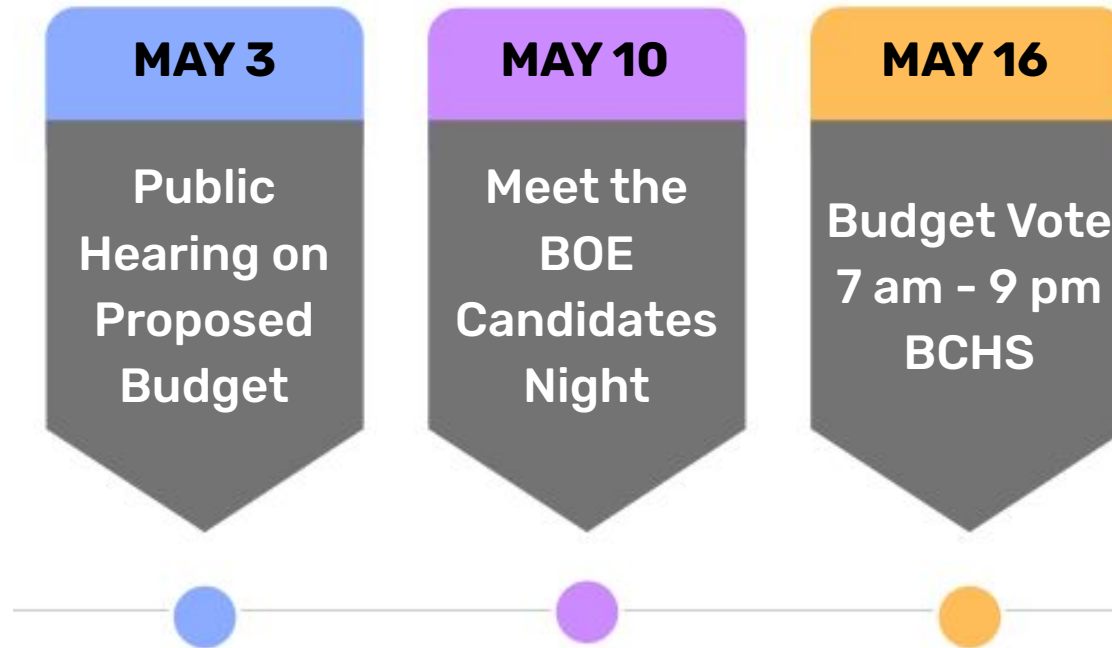


Meredith Moriarty



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FUTURE MEETINGS



All meetings begin at 7 pm in Bethlehem Central High School D-122, unless otherwise noted.

