



Cochrane-Fountain City  
School District

# ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

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OCTOBER 21, 2019

# BUDGET HEARING

## Cochrane-Fountain City School District

- Village of Cochrane
- City of Fountain City
- City of Buffalo City
- City of Alma
- Town of Belvidere
- Town of Buffalo
- Town of Cross
- Town of Lincoln
- Town of Milton
- Town of Montana
- Town of Waumandee



# BUDGET HEARING

## AGENDA



1. Call to Order – Karen Knospe, President
2. Presentation of Budget Information – Michele Butler, Superintendent
3. Questions and Discussion
4. Adjourn

Karen Knospe – President  
Larry Cyrus – Vice President  
Bonnie Breza – Clerk  
Lynn Doelle – Treasurer  
Areny Bork – Director  
Kalene Engel – Director  
Rita Greshik – Director



## SCHOOL BOARD

# Building the Budget – Revenue Limit

State statute limits the amount of revenue that a school board may acquire via the local property tax levy and state equalization aid. On average, statewide, the state funds about 66% of school district budgets while local property tax funds about 34%.

Factors that impact the revenue limit:

- Student enrollment
- Per student spending in prior years
- Additional funding allocated by the state

# Building the Budget – Equalized Aid

The primary way the state supports schools is via equalized aid. The state aid formula ranks the wealth of a school district based on the property wealth per student. “Wealthier” districts receive less aid and “Poorer” districts receive more aid.

Factors that impact equalized aid:

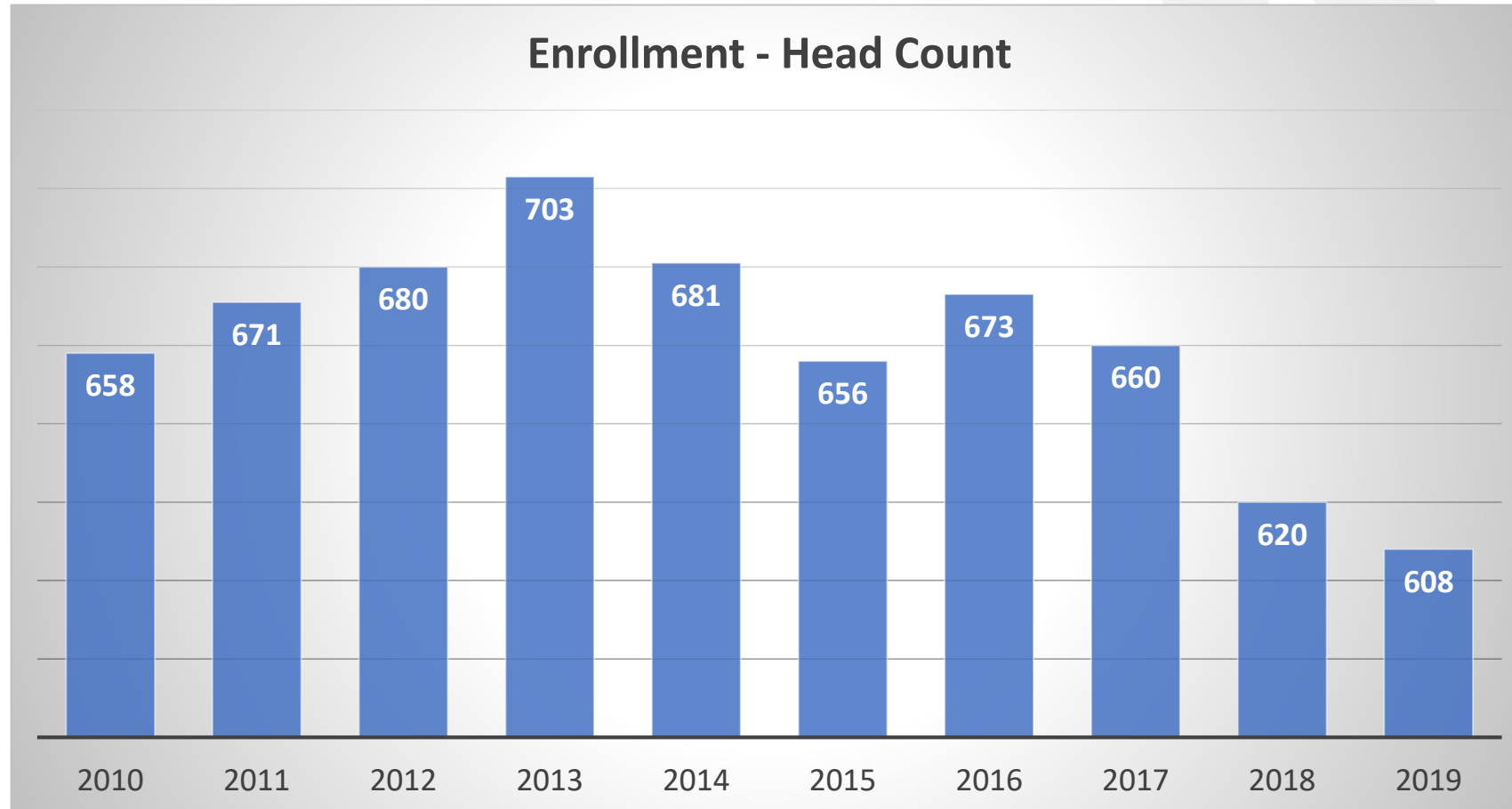
- Student enrollment
- Local equalized value (property value)
- Local spending (per pupil)

# Building the Budget

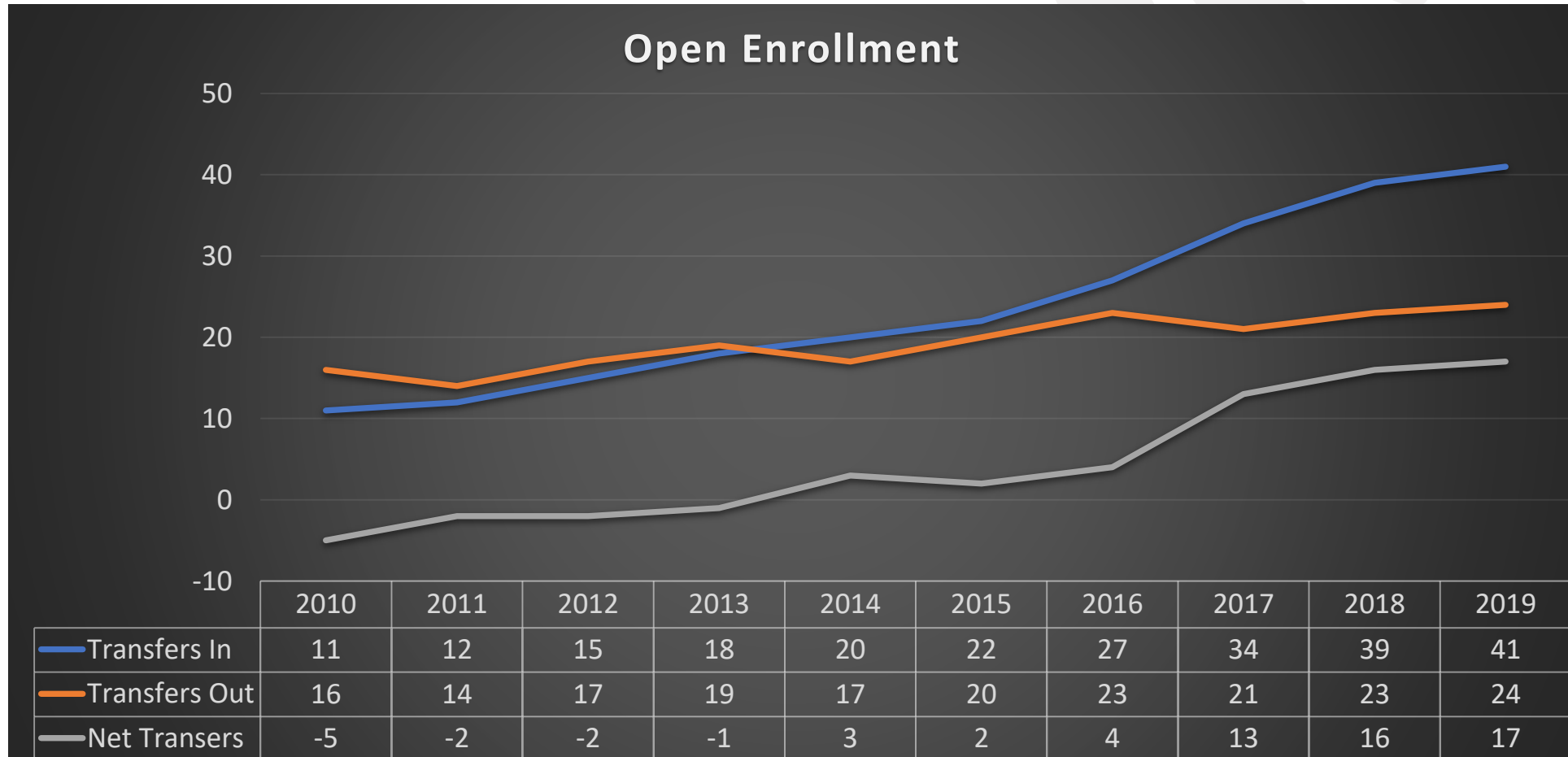


The revenue limit (which makes up most of the school budget) is a combination of equalized aid and property tax. As one value goes down the other will go up.

# Building the 2019-20 Budget - Enrollment



# Building the 2019-20 Budget – Open Enrollment





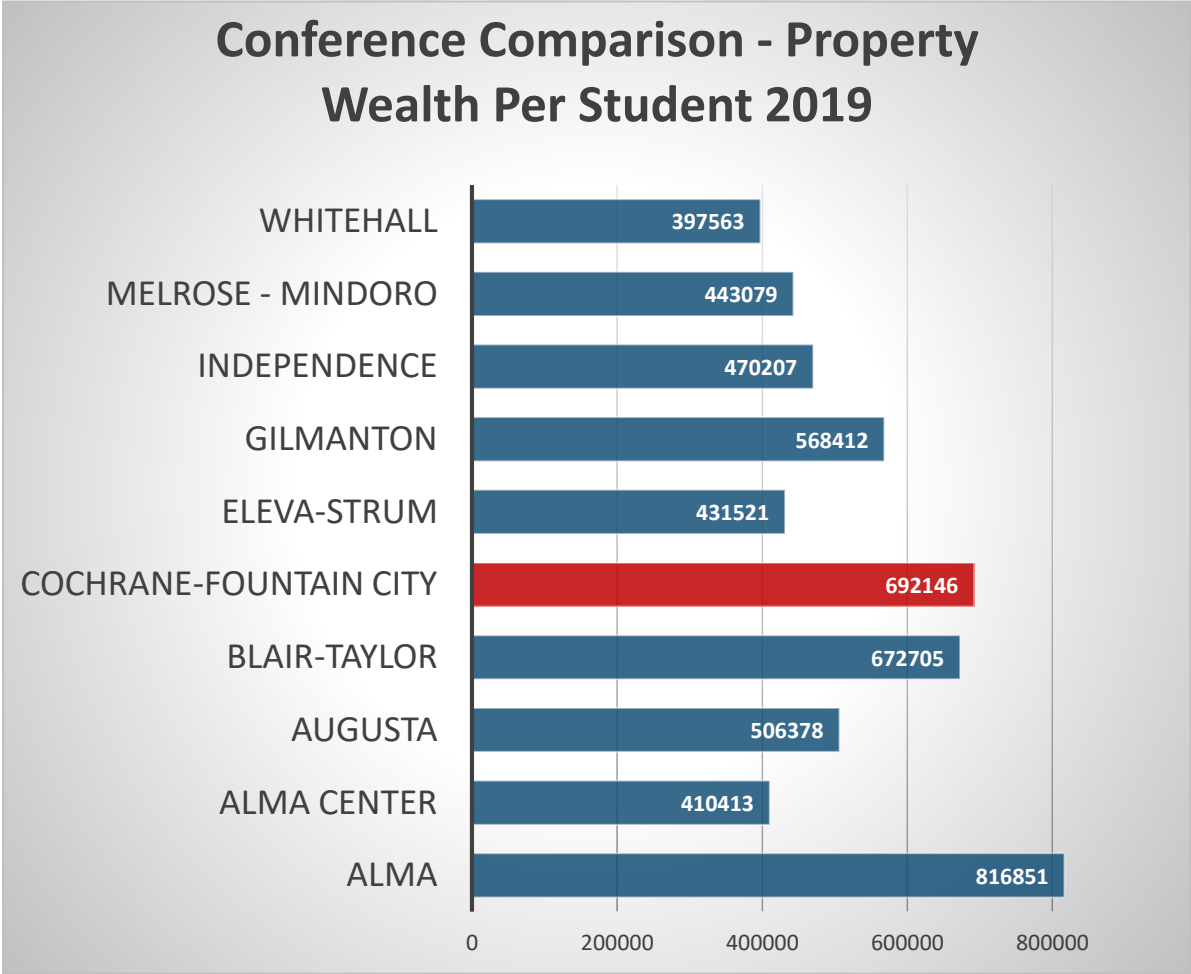
# Building the 2019-2020 Budget – Equalized Value

The state aid formula ranks the wealth of a school district community based on the property wealth per student.

C-FC’s equalized value per student was \$692,146 for the 2019-2020 Aid Calculation.

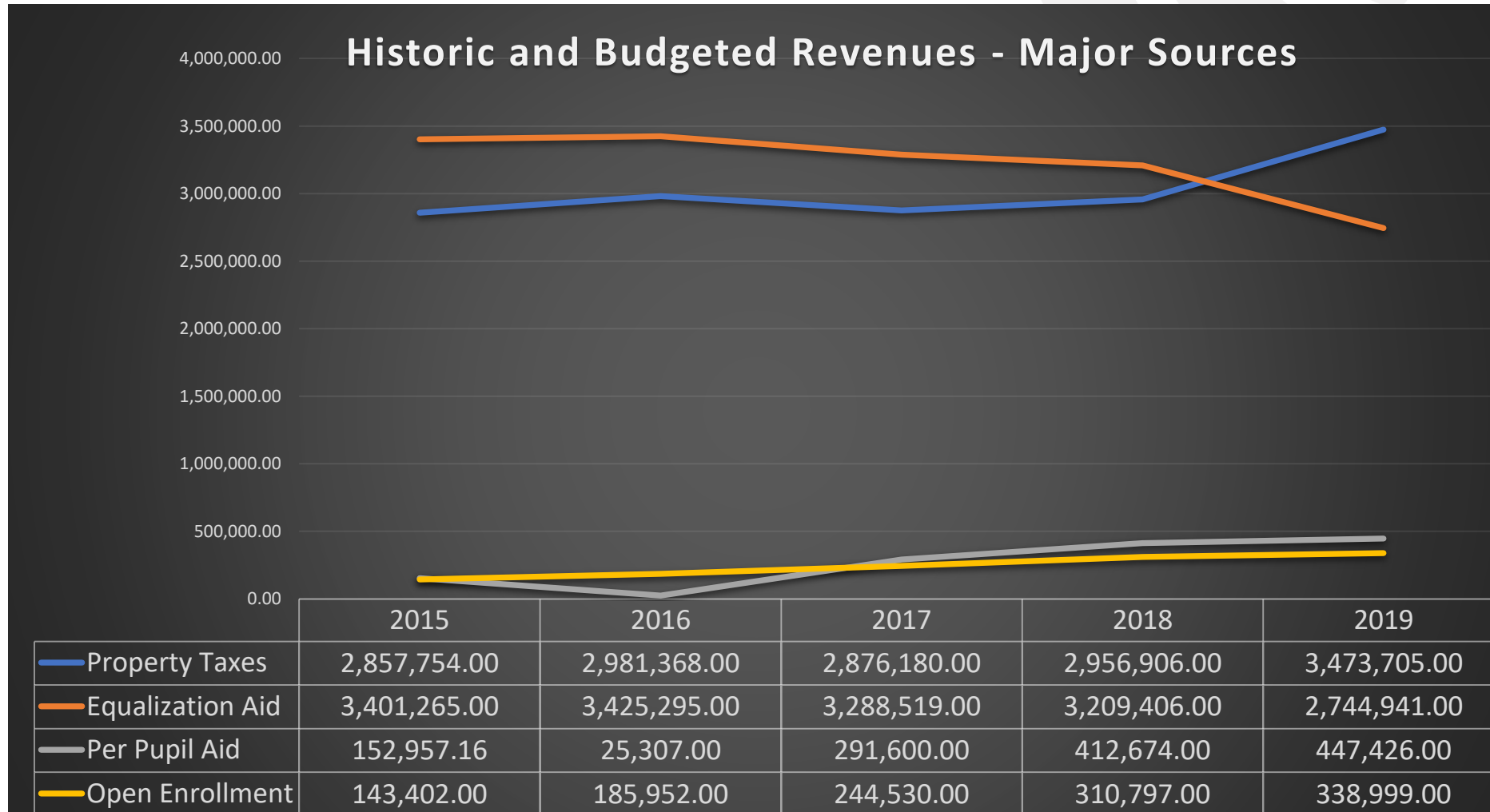
Higher value (“wealthier district”) = Less aid

Lower value (“poor district”) = More aid



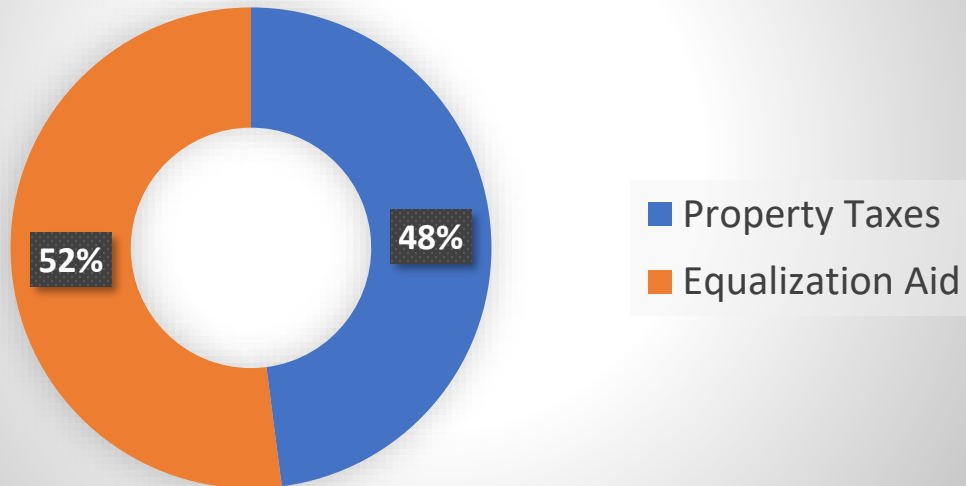
# Building the 2019-2020 Budget

## Fund 10 Major Revenues

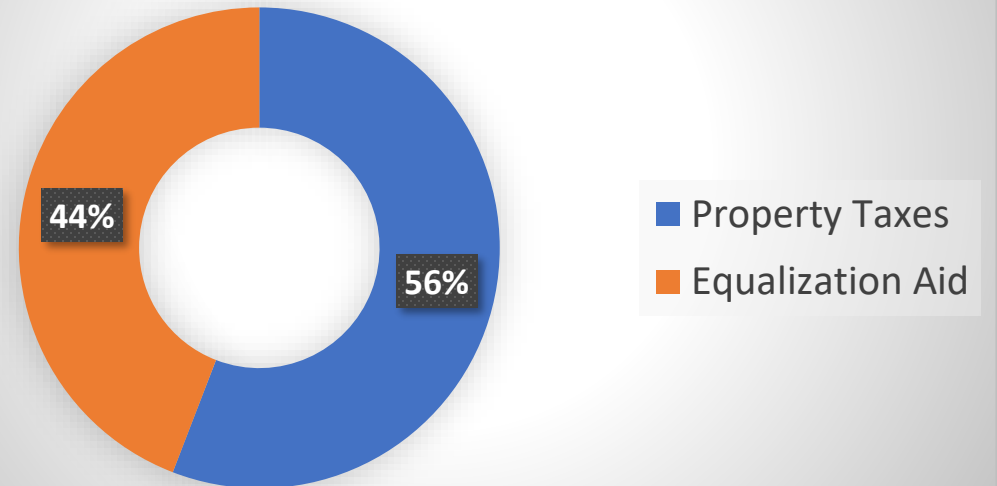


# Building the 2019-2020 Budget – Revenue Limit (State Aid and Fund 10 Property Tax)

2018-2019 State Aid and  
Property Taxes



2019-2020 State Aid and  
Property Taxes



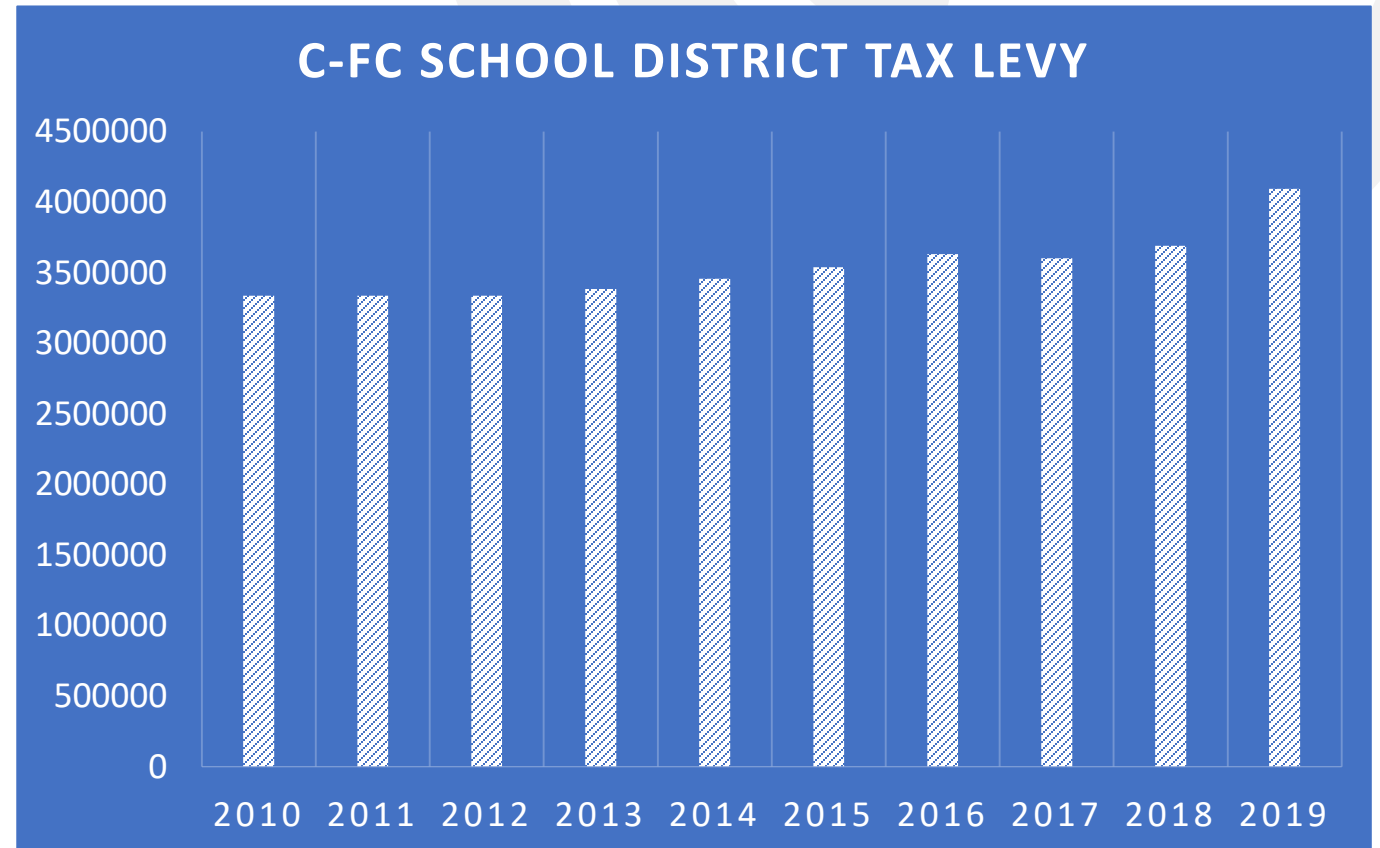
Total state funding has decreased by 8% in one year. This shift in funding explains the increase in our tax levy for 2019-2020.

# Building the 2019-2020 Budget – Tax Levy

The Tax levy continues a 10-year trend of increases.

Factors for this year's increase:

- Three-year rolling average enrollment reduction.
- Increasing property values.
- Decreasing state equalization aid.



# Building the 2019-2020 Budget – Tax Levy

	Actual 2016-2017	Actual 2017-2018	Unaudited 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	Dollar Change	Percent Change
General Fund	\$2,981,368	\$2,876,180	\$2,956,906	\$3,473,705	\$516,799	17.48%
Debt Service Fund	\$780,400	\$725,000	\$733,012	\$820,150	\$87,138	11.89%
Fund Balance Reduction	(\$130,000)			(\$200,000)	\$200,000	
<b>Total School Levy</b>	\$3,631,768	\$3,601,180	\$3,689,918	<b>\$4,093,855</b>	\$403,937	10.95%

- The total Tax levy has been increasing slowly over the last 10 years.
- Increases have been managed by using fund balance to offset the amounts.
- This year's increase is larger than usual due to state funding changes, reduction in state aid, and reduced enrollment.
- To offset the increase, \$200,000 from fund balance will be used to reduce the overall levy.

# Building the 2019-2020 Budget – Tax Rate

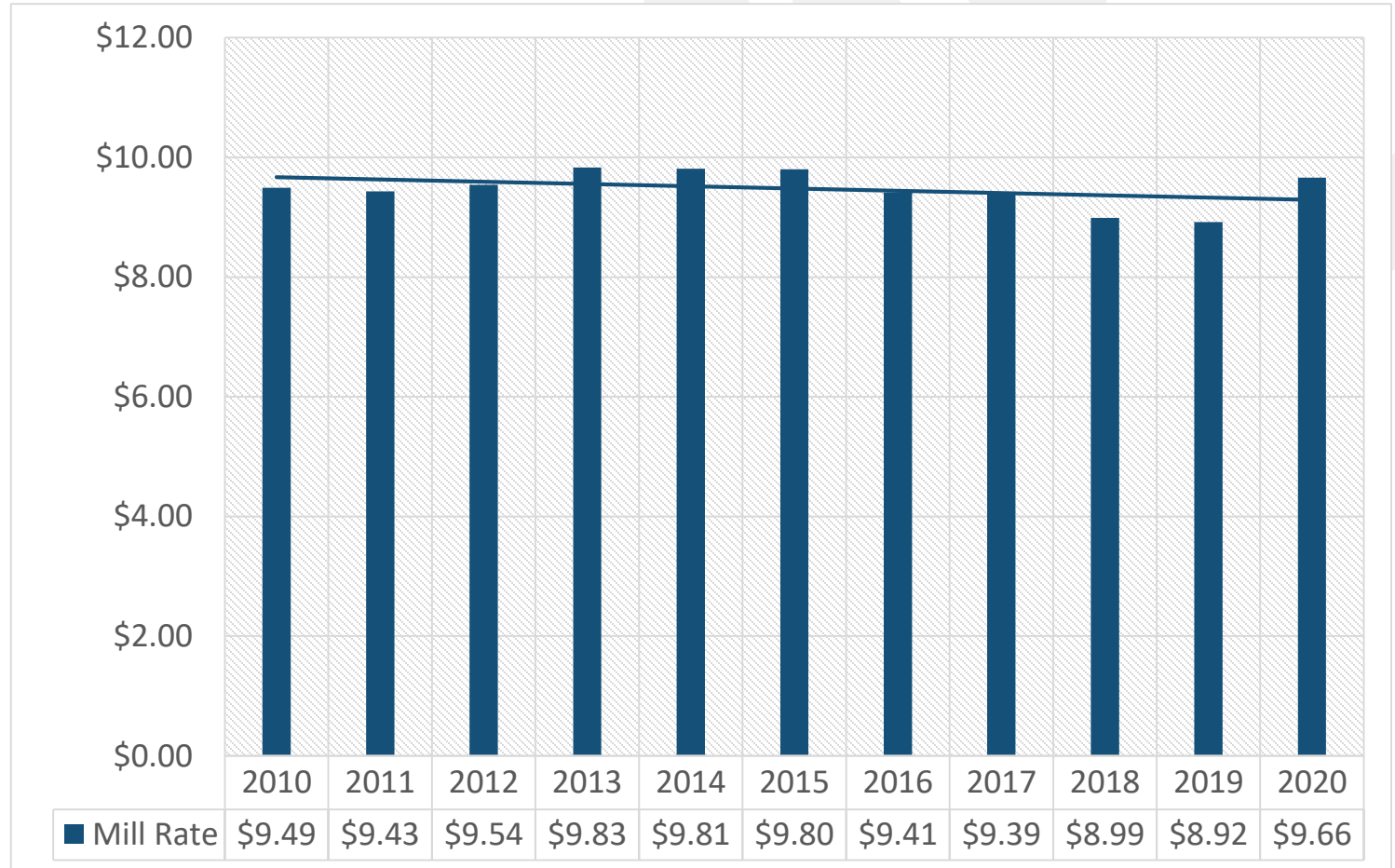
Tax rate per \$1000 of equalized assessed valuation

	2018-2019 Actual	2019-2020 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
General Fund	\$7.15	\$8.20	\$1.05	14.69%
Debt Service Fund	\$1.77	\$1.46	-\$0.31	-17.51%
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	\$8.92	<b>\$9.66</b>	\$0.74	8.30%

The decrease in the debt service fund is due to a \$200,000 transfer from fund balance that is being used to offset the overall tax levy. Without the \$200,000 fund balance transfer, this year's tax rate would have been \$10.13 per \$1000.

# Building the 2019-2020 Budget – Tax Rate

- Our tax rate over this 10-year span has been fairly flat.
- The last two years have been well below our average rate of \$9.48.
- This year's rate, although an increase over last year, is just above our 10-year average.



# Building the 2019-2020 Budget

## Total Fund 10 Revenues & Expenses

Total Fund Revenues				
	Unaudited 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	\$ Change	% Change
Fund 10 Revenues	\$8,014,922.96	\$7,834,592	(\$180,330.96)	(2.25%)
Total Fund Expenses				
	Unaudited 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	\$ Change	% Change
Fund 10 Expenditures	\$7,826,639.60	\$7,834,592	\$7,952.40	0.10%
(Plus \$200,000 fund transfer to reduce debt service fund)				



# Building the 2019-2020 Budget

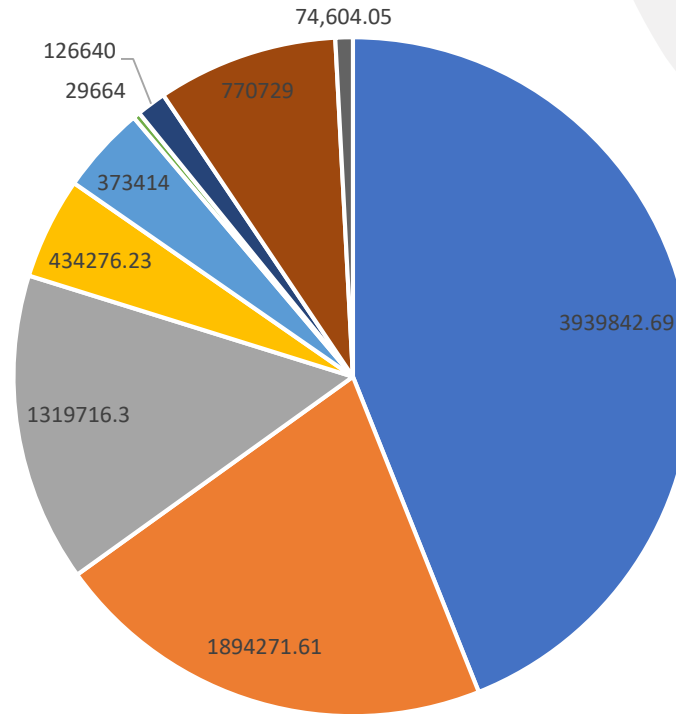
## General Fund Major Expense Changes

Expenditures by Object	Actual 2017-2018	Unaudited 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>100 Salaries</b>	3,468,361.70	3,550,163.04	3,557,786.56	7,623.52	0.2%
<b>200 Benefits</b>	1,396,952.13	1,431,624.29	1,635,100.86	203,476.57	14.2%
<b>300 Purchased Services</b>	978,570.95	951,247.18	1,037,691.30	86,444.12	9.1%
<b>400 Non-Capital Objects</b>	380,841.67	465,047.55	431,526.23	(33,521.32)	-7.2%
<b>500 Capital Objects</b>	357,111.44	548,402.90	370,850.00	(177,552.90)	-32.4%
<b>600 Debt Retirement</b>	17,768.52	62,833.39	29,664.00	(33,169.39)	-52.8%
<b>700 Insurance &amp; Judgements</b>	112,418.23	122,372.60	126,640.00	4,267.40	3.5%
<b>800 Interfund Transfers</b>	504,924.13	642,218.89	770,729.00	128,510.11	20.0%
<b>900 Miscellaneous</b>	43,408.79	52,729.76	74,604.05	21,874.29	41.5%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$7,260,357.56	\$7,826,639.60	\$8,034,592.00	\$207,952.40	2.7%
			<b>(Less \$200,000 GF Transfer)</b>		
<b>Total Expenses Less Fund Balance Transfer</b>		<b>\$7,826,639.60</b>	<b>\$7,834,592.00</b>	<b>\$7,952.40</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

# Building the 2019-2020 Budget

## Breakdown of Expenses by Object

Fund 10 & 27



- 100 Salaries
- 200 Benefits
- 300 Purchased Services
- 400 Non-Capital Objects
- 500 Capital Objects
- 600 Debt Retirement
- 700 Insurance & Judgements
- 800 Interfund Transfers
- 900 Miscellaneous

# Building the 2019-2020 Budget

## General Fund Major Expense Changes

### Staffing

#### *Current Staffing Changes Include:*

- Decrease of 1.0 Intermediate Teacher
- Decrease of .20 Food Service Staff
- Decrease of 1 Bus Route (a.m. & p.m.)

# Building the 2019-2020 Budget – Other Funds

- Special Project Funds
  - Fund 21 – Gifts and Donations
  - Fund 27 – Special Education
- Debt Service Funds
  - Fund 38 – Non-Referendum
  - Fund 39 – Referendum Debt
- Capital Projects Funds
  - Fund 46 – Long-Term Capital Improvement
  - Fund 49 – Other Capital Projects
- Food Service Fund – Fund 50
- Pupil Organizations – Fund 60
- Trust Funds
  - Scholarship Trust – Fund 72
- Community Service Fund – Fund 80

# C-FC School District Looking towards the future.....

The state budget has given us additional revenue which will help balance increasing expenses while experiencing declining enrollment.

We must continue to be conservative and prudent to keep the district in good financial condition.

We will need to continue to prioritize what is most important.





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# BUDGET HEARING

# QUESTIONS?

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~Adjourn



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# ANNUAL MEETING

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## PURPOSE



1. To provide an opportunity for the constituents of the C-FC School District to have a voice in the utilization of local tax dollars for student education.
2. To meet the November 1, 2019 deadline by which the School Board must vote on the district property tax levy for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Following tonight's Annual Meeting, the Board will convene in a Special Meeting to approve the new levy.

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## SCHOOL BOARD



# Annual Meeting Agenda

## October 21, 2019

- I. Call to Order – Board President, Karen Knospe
- II. Elect Chairperson
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting, October 22, 2018
- IV. Reading and Approval of Treasurer’s Report
- V. Old Business

# Annual Meeting Agenda

## October 21, 2019

### VI. New Business

- A. Authorize tax levy for the 2019-2020 school year.
- B. Authorize the Board to direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of legal action and privileges in which the district has an interest.
- C. Authorize the Board to short-term borrow to meet cash flow needs of the district until the next annual meeting.
- D. Authorize the Board to change the Annual Meeting date for 2020-2021.
- E. Authorize the payment of expenses for board members in their performances outside normal duties.
- F. Authorize the sale of excess materials and equipment.
- G. Authorize the providing of free textbooks if appropriate.

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- H. This statement serves as public notice that the School District of Cochrane-Fountain City is utilizing Internet Filtering through on site Cisco equipment on all of its computers that are capable of accessing the Internet in order to comply with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (2000). Further, the District, by Board Policy has implemented Policy 363.2, which disallows access to minors of inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web, unauthorized use of chat rooms, e-mail, or unauthorized access, commonly referred to as hacking. The policy also disallows unauthorized disclosure of any personal information regarding minors. This policy was approved by the Board of Education on June 27, 2019. It is included in the Student/Parent Handbook.

# Annual Meeting Agenda

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I. Set salaries for board members for 2019-2020.

President/Vice President	\$1300
Clerk	\$1300
Treasurer	\$1300
Director	\$1200

J. Other new business as may legally come before the meeting.

## VII. Adjourn