

# EDGERTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

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= S uccess

**Operating Levy Information**



# Purpose of These Meetings

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These meetings are being held for the purpose of having an informative dialogue between the members of the community and the school officials. To be frank with you, the topic of this discussion is not what the Board of Education and Administration would ever want to have take place. However, the Edgerton Local Schools are in serious need of additional revenue if the current educational programs are to continue.

We sincerely hope that the end result of the meetings will be a consensus to move forward and continue to support the education of our children and youth. The Edgerton community has a very respectful history of supporting the schools and realizing the value of a good education.



# Factors Creating Need for Levy

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- ***Time*** – 15 years since last operating levy
- ***Inflation*** – Caused a considerable increase in fuel, utilities and other fixed costs
- ***Economy*** – Large health insurance cost increases; Slow down in growth of local property values
- ***Legislation*** – Changes in Ohio's tax structure including Tangible Personal Property Taxes, Inventory Taxes and Public Utility Deregulation
- ***Global Competition*** – Good jobs have forced our students to know more and to be able to do more than ever before.

# Effect of Inflation on Purchased Services, Supplies & Materials

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- ❑ Purchased Services include: refuse, water/sewer, fuel, lights, heat, building/auto insurance, telephone, contracted services, building/auto repairs, open enrollment, community schools
- ❑ All consumables utilized for supporting the educational enterprise (includes toilet paper to educational supplies, library books, etc.)
- ❑ Other fees: Auditor/Treasurer, Special Education, Board Liability Insurance, Student Entry Fees, OSBA Memberships

# Major Provision of HB 66

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- Eliminates Tangible Personal Property taxes – 25% per year from 2006-2009
  - State will provide reimbursement for losses from 2006-2010 at 2004 valuation
- Reduces Ohio income taxes by 21% over next four years – started 1-1-2006
  - A savings of approximately \$120.00 on the median income of approximately \$36,000.00.
- Implements a replacement tax named the Commercial Activity Tax (CAT)



# The Influence of Legislation that Reduces Revenues and Increases Costs

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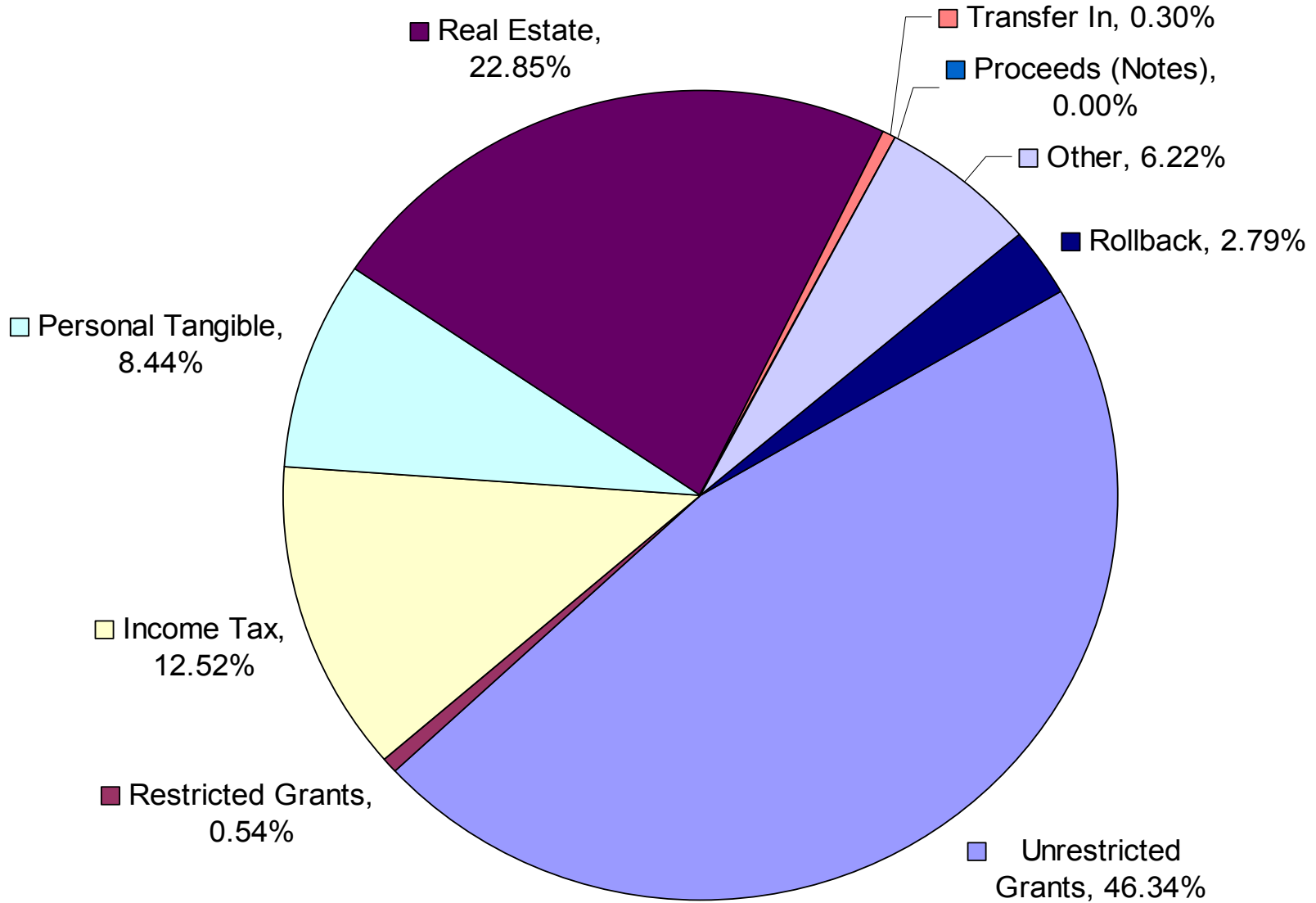
- Reduction and elimination of Tangible Personal Property Taxes
- Reduction and elimination of Inventory Taxes
- Reduction and elimination of Tax Abatement Agreements
- Competition for Education Dollars
  - Charter Schools, Community Schools, E-schools, Open Enrollment, Post-Secondary options
- National outcry by public to improve public schools has mandated new programs and more accountability.
- Expansion of Special Education programs

# Global Competition has Impacted Schools.

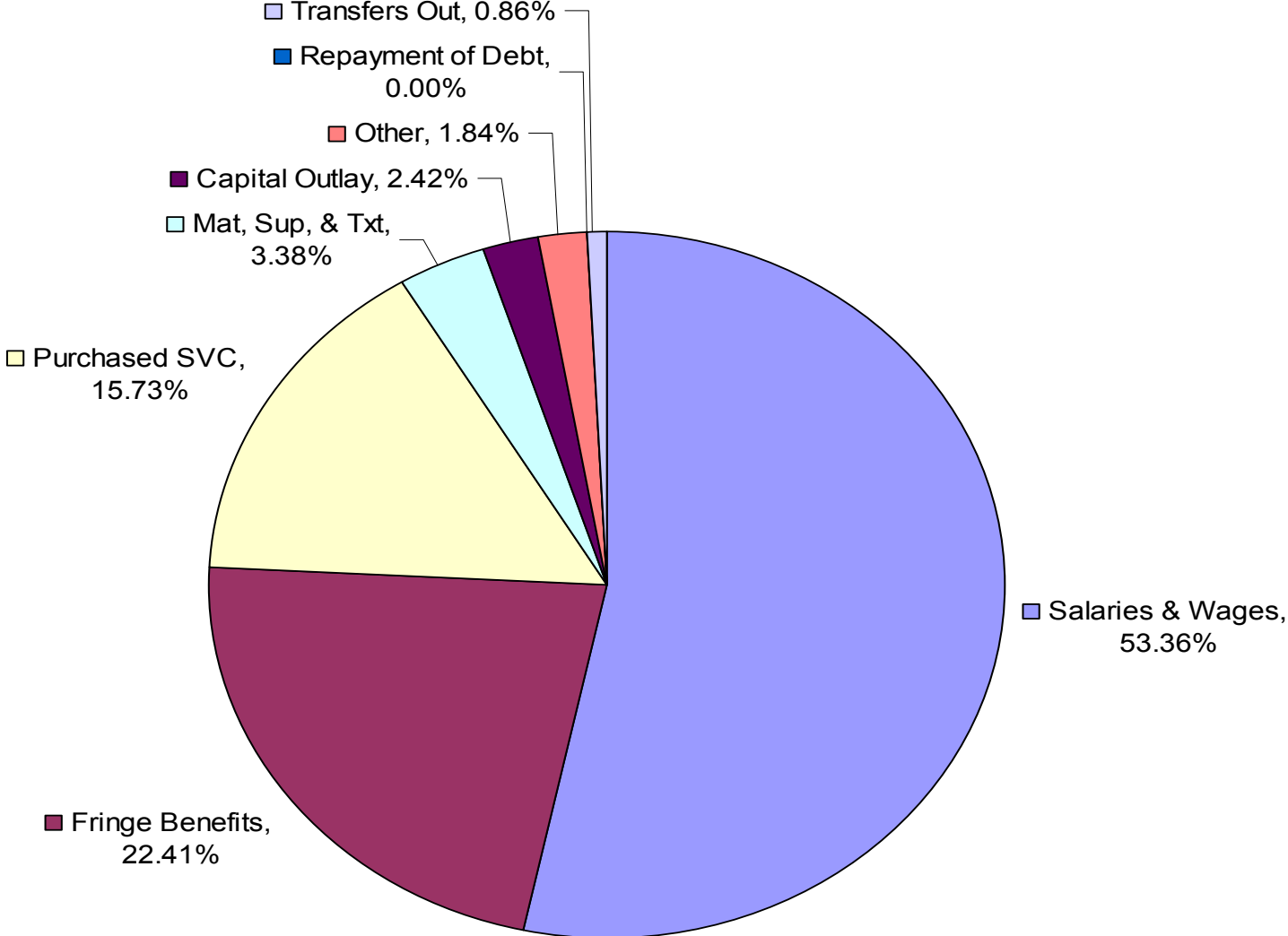
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- ❑ Increased graduation requirements in Math, Science, Social Studies
- ❑ Special Education – 12% of student body is on an I.E.P.
- ❑ State Standards – Increased the need for academic oversight
- ❑ EMIS – Increased the need for office workers to handle the data input
- ❑ Technology – In 1990, the district had 15 computers. Today, we have 300+ computers.

# REVENUE



# EXPENDITURES



# Cost of operating three (3) buildings

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<b>Ohio Gas Fuel Costs</b>			
	<b>Elementary/Old High School</b>	<b>Middle School</b>	<b>New High School</b>
<b>July 2003 to June 2004</b>	<b>28,586.19</b>	<b>7247.79</b>	
<b>July 2004 to June 2005</b>	<b>36,910.07</b>	<b>8278.36</b>	<b>51,252.63</b>
<b>July 2005 to February 2006</b>	<b>20,892.30</b>	<b>4808.26</b>	<b>31,400.83</b>

# Cost of operating three (3) buildings

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	Elementary/Old High School		Middle School		New High School	
	Electric	Water	Electric	Water	Water	Electric
July 2003 to June 2004	26,285.24	3,395.23	29,584.97	1,510.13		
July 2004 to June 2005	19,909.39	2,789.60	29,300.23	1,632.36	42,969.83	3,013.97
July 2005 to Mid-February 2006	14,255.73	2,626.23	22,498.77	1,685.56	45,679.28	3,725.95

# Cost Containment Measures Currently in Place

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- ❑ Two plus teacher positions have been reduced in the last five (5) years to reflect decreasing enrollment and contain costs
- ❑ Lowering building temperatures
- ❑ Emergency equipment replacement only
- ❑ Required Athletic Department to pay for bus drivers for athletic contests
- ❑ Reduced building budgets (supplies, textbooks, materials, furniture, equipment)

# Factors that could change the Financial Forecast

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- ❑ Between now and 2010, two new state budgets will be implemented – laws could change
- ❑ The CAT tax could provide additional monies to the State that might be passed along to schools
- ❑ Fixed costs for heating gas and bus fuel might go up or down
- ❑ Changes made through contract negotiations
- ❑ Changes in our insurance coverage might reduce cost



- Since 2002, approximately 80 students have received over \$1,450,000.00 in scholarships.