



Ardsley Union Free School District

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2019-2020 Maximum Allowable Tax Levy

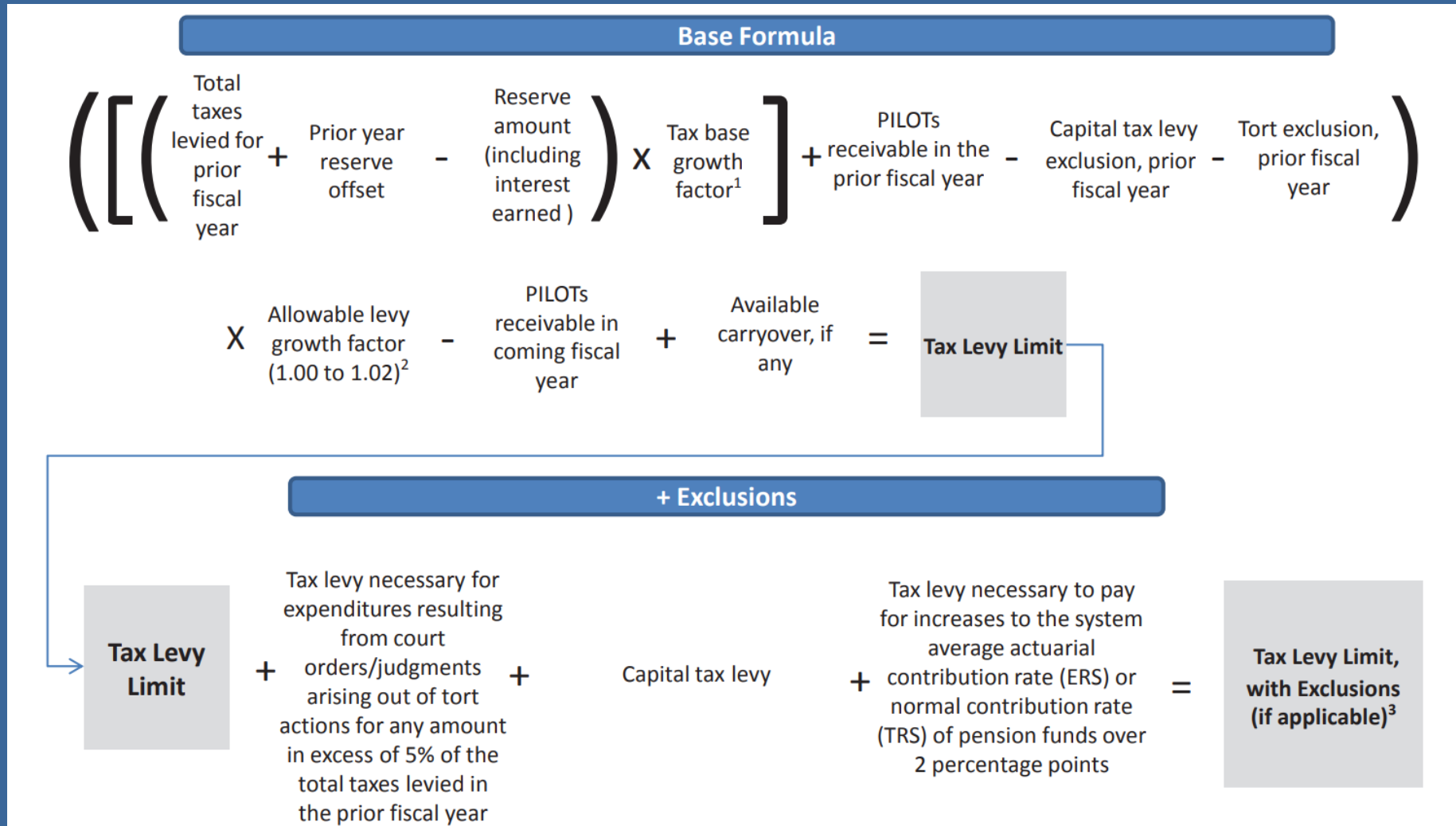
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Property Tax Cap - Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011

- The law places restrictions on how school districts and municipalities can increase their tax levies
- Began with the 2012-13 school year
- Set to expire in 2019- 2020
- The Property Tax Levy Cap limits the school district levy NOT assessed values or tax rates
- Voters approve school budgets, not the tax levy



Property Tax Cap Formula



Property Tax Cap – Three Tax Levy Numbers

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Tax Levy Limit

- Highest allowable tax levy (before exclusions) that a district can propose as part of its annual budget and need the approval of only a simple majority of voters (50% + 1), supermajority needed (60%) to exceed the tax levy limit
- Reported to state comptroller by March 1st each year

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Maximum Allowable Tax Levy

- Tax levy PLUS certain exclusions
- A District may add these exclusions to its tax levy without triggering the need for a 60% voter approval

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Proposed Tax Levy

- The total amount of money to be raised locally by a school district after factoring in all other available revenues



Tax Levy Limit Calculation – Tax Base Growth Factor

2018-2019 Tax Levy		55,315,743
Tax Base Growth Factor	X	<u>1.0301</u>
		56,980,747
2018-2019 PILOTS	+	<u>3,531</u>
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2018-2019 Exemptions	-	<u>2,595,917</u>
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Available Carryover, if any	+	<u>0</u>
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Tax base growth factor

- Based on Dept. of Tax and Finance determination of “quantity change,” such as new construction, newly taxable status of existing property, or measurable improvements to taxable property within the boundaries of the local government or school district.
- This factor will not be less than 1.000, even if a district sees a decrease in its full property value.



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PILOTS

- Payments in Lieu of Taxes
- Add back prior year pilots receivable and subtract pilot payments in the coming year



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P/Y Exemptions (18/19)

- Debt Service (Net of State Aid) ✓
- Court Orders/Judgements
(exceeds 5% of total tax levied in prior school year, excluding tax certioraris)

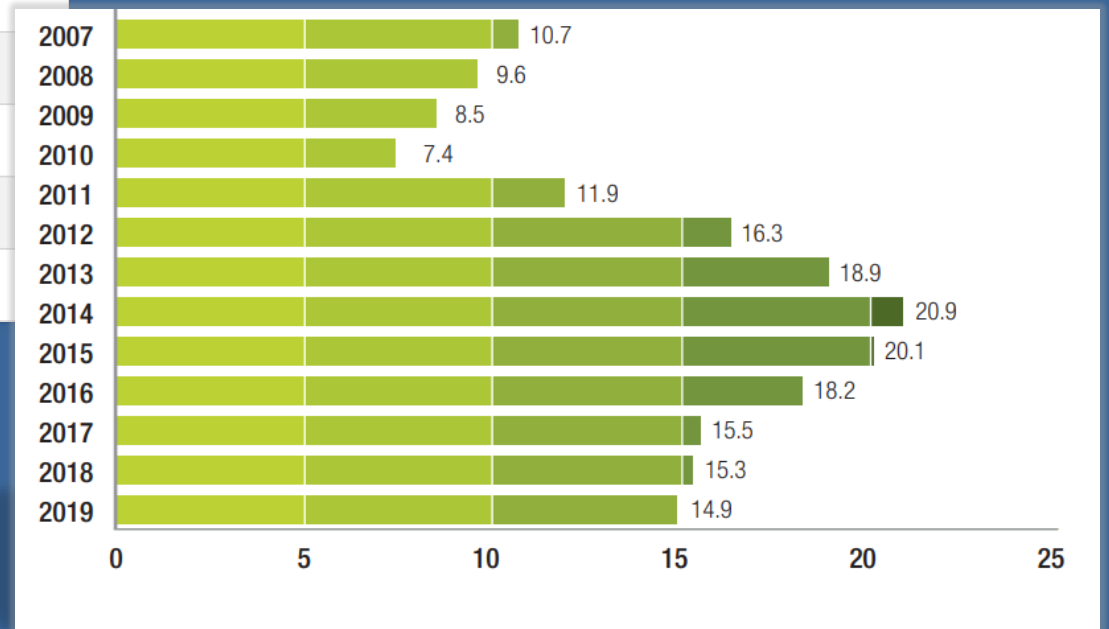


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Historical TRS Employer Contribution Rates

To be Collected	ECR	Applicable to
Fall 2019	10.62%	2018-19 School Year Salaries
Fall 2018	9.80%	2017-18 School Year Salaries
Fall 2017	11.72%	2016-17 School Year Salaries
Fall 2016	13.26%	2015-16 School Year Salaries
Fall 2015	17.53%	2014-15 School Year Salaries

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Inflation Factors and Allowable Levy Growth Factors by Fiscal Year										
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Years Beginning									
	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Inflation Factor	Allowable Levy Growth Factor	Inflation Factor	Allowable Levy Growth Factor	Inflation Factor	Allowable Levy Growth Factor	Inflation Factor	Allowable Levy Growth Factor	Inflation Factor	Allowable Levy Growth Factor
Jan 1 - Dec 31	1.56%	1.0156	0.73%	1.0073	0.68%	1.0068	1.84%	1.0184	2.25%	1.0200
Mar 1 - Feb 28	1.58%	1.0158	0.45%	1.0045	0.80%	1.0080	1.99%	1.0199	2.42%	1.0200
Apr 1 - Mar 31	1.62%	1.0162	0.31%	1.0031	0.93%	1.0093	2.05%	1.0200	2.42%	1.0200
Jun 1 - May 31	1.68%	1.0168	0.12%	1.0012	1.15%	1.0115	2.13%	1.0200	2.46%	1.0200
Jul 1 - Jun 30	1.62%	1.0162	0.12%	1.0012	1.26%	1.0126	2.13%	1.0200	2.44%	1.0200
Aug 1 - Jul 31	1.48%	1.0148	0.24%	1.0024	1.36%	1.0136	2.09%	1.0200	2.40%	1.0200
Oct 1 - Sep 30	1.25%	1.0125	0.40%	1.0040	1.63%	1.0163	2.05%	1.0200	Coming April 2019	

Lesser of 2% or Inflation Factor (CPI);
minimum 0%



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Tax Levy Limit With Exclusions

Tax Levy Limit (before exclusions)

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2019-2020 Exemptions

+

2,613,158

Maximum Allowable Tax Levy

58,085,632

Debt Service (*Net of estimated state aid*)



Total Projected Debt Service	4,032,669
Total Estimated State Aid*	1,419,511
Total 2019-2020 Capital Exemption	2,613,158

ERS/TRS Employer Contribution Increases
Pension exclusion only applies if there is an
increase of 2 percentage points or more

Retirement System	2018/19 avg rate	2019/20 avg rate	Change
TRS	10.62%	8.86%	-1.76%
ERS	14.90%	14.60%	-0.30%

*Estimated based on executive state aid information

No pension exclusion for 2019-2020



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* Estimated Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Increase	\$ 2,769,889
Estimated Percentage Increase	5.01%

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Questions:

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