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# **Riverside Local Schools**

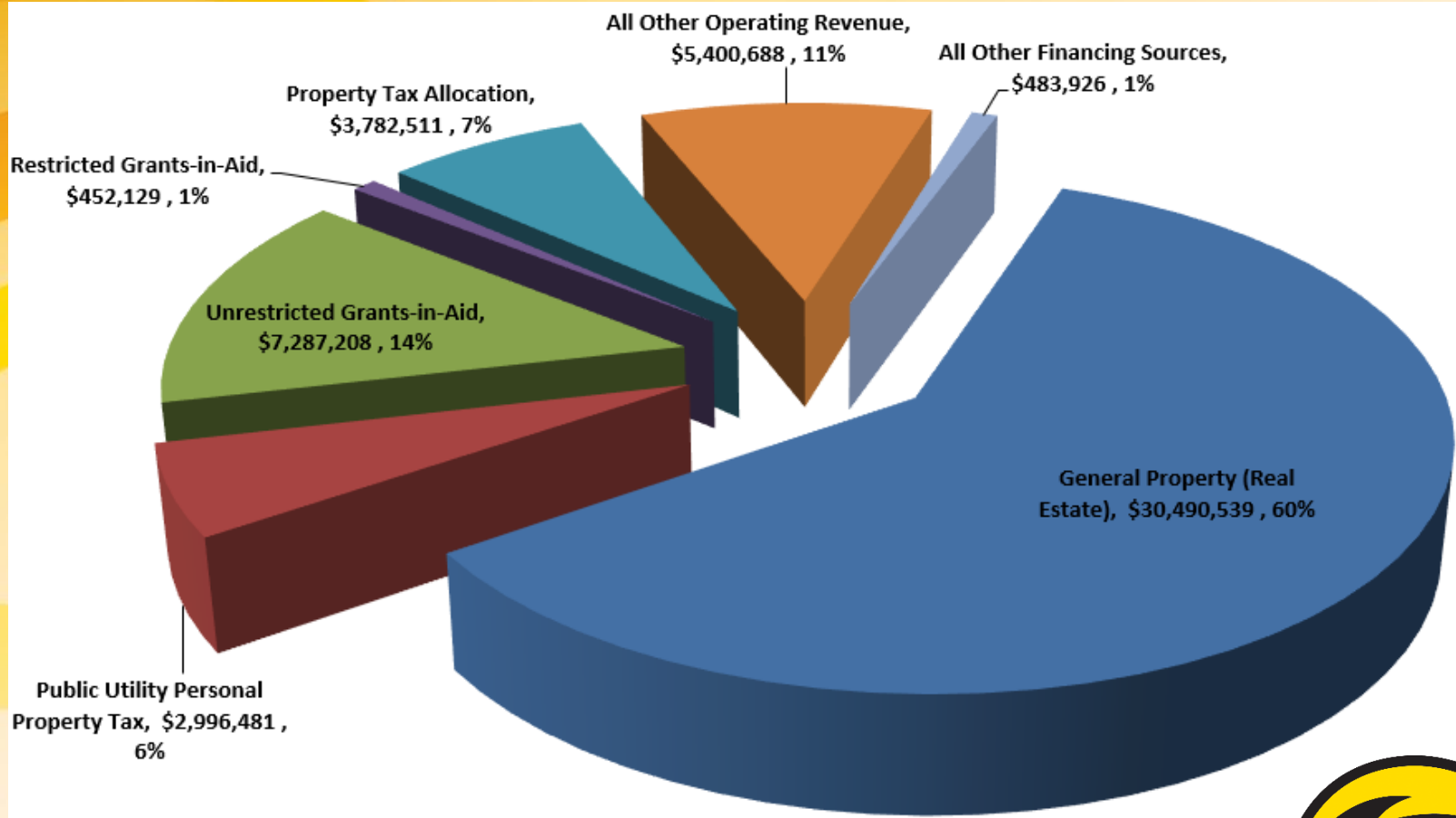
Financial State of the Schools: August 2023

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# Revenues – General Fund



Includes Lake County School Financing District  
Fiscal Year 2023 Actual Results  
Source: District Records

Total Revenue: \$50,893,482



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# Current Levies

Levy	Effective Tax Rate
Inside Millage	4.80
1976 – Current Expense (33.10 Mills Cumulative)	10.09
1980 – Current Expense (4.50 Mills)	1.95
1986 – Current Expense (4.90 Mills)	2.32
2009 – Substitute Levy (4.59 Mills)*	3.69
2017 – Current Expense (4.90 Mills)	3.85
<b>Total General Fund Millage</b>	<b>26.70</b>
2016 – Permanent Improvement (2.50 Mills)**	1.97
2016 – Phase I Debt (Originally 1.92 Mills)	1.35
<b>Total Millage</b>	<b>30.02</b>

\*Originally a 2004 Five Year Emergency Levy that was converted to a Substitute Levy for tax year 2009.

\*\* Replaced expiring 1.89 mill PI levy and expired 1993 0.85 mill Bond Issue

Source: Lake County Auditor – Schedule A - Tax Year 2022 / Collection Year 2023



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# Comparison of District Tax Rates

District	Effective Tax Rate TY2022/CY2023
Wickliffe	52.53
Willoughby-Eastlake	46.05
Fairport Harbor	43.07
Painesville City*	41.02
Kirtland	36.79
Mentor	33.10
<b>Riverside*</b>	<b>30.02</b>
Madison*	28.30
Perry*	20.00

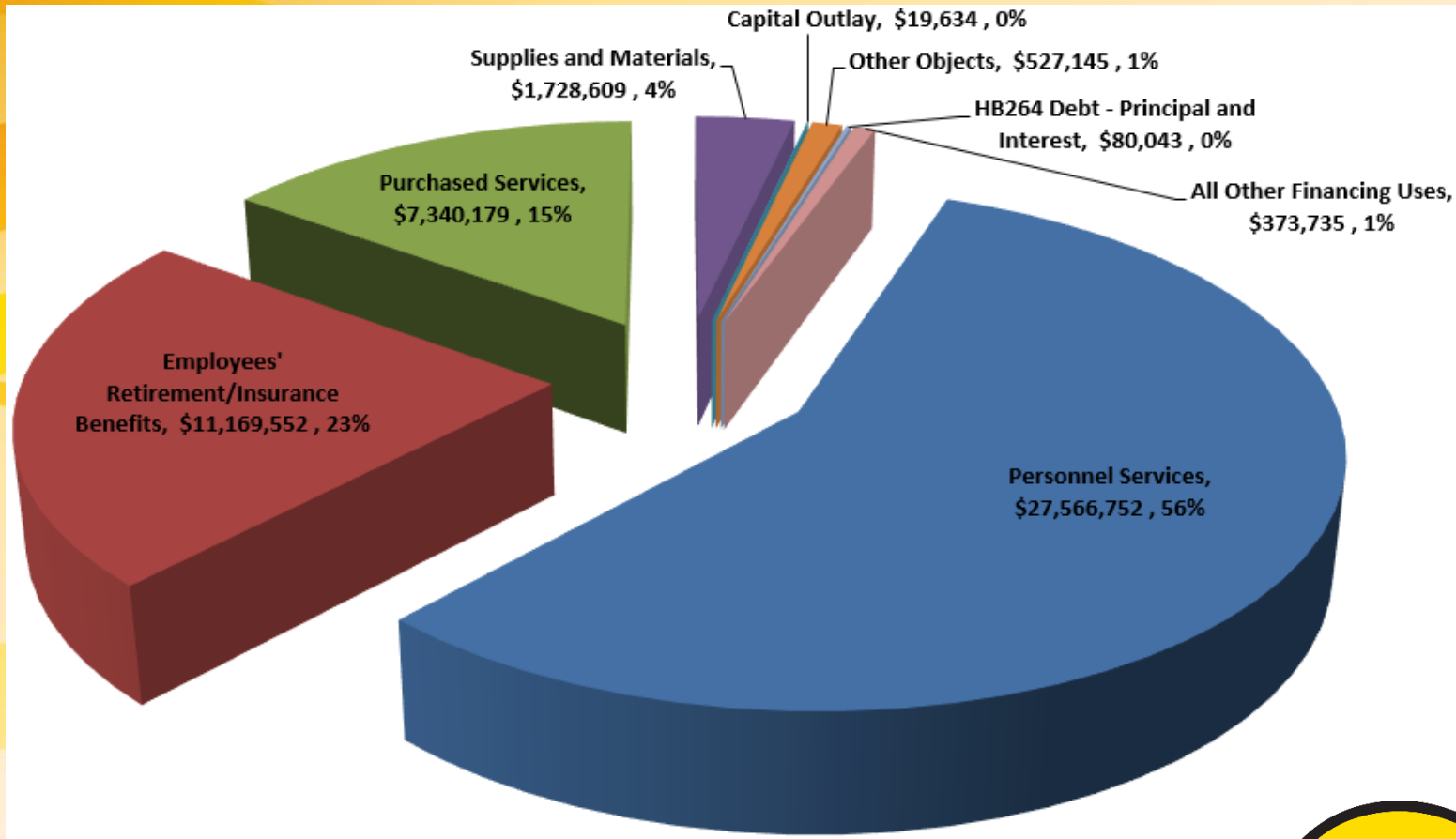
\* Effective rates do not include the Lake County School Financing District effective tax rate of 1.94 Mills

Source: Lake County Auditor – Schedule A - Tax Year 2022 / Collection Year 2023



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# Expenditures – General Fund



Includes Lake County School Financing District  
Fiscal Year 2023 Actual Results  
Source: District Records

Total Expenditures: \$48,805,649



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# Expenditure Per Pupil

District	Expenditure Per Pupil
Perry	\$18,269.96
Wickliffe	\$15,972.93
Mentor	\$15,588.72
Painesville City	\$15,438.76
Willoughby-Eastlake	\$14,284.41
Kirtland	\$13,710.55
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>\$11,864.87</b>
Fairport Harbor	\$11,225.33
Madison	\$11,118.14

State Average: \$12,800.95

Source: ODE CUPP Report (District Profile Report), Fiscal Year 2022, Released March 30, 2023  
<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Finance-and-Funding/School-Payment-Reports/District-Profile-Reports>



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# Five Year Forecast – May 2023

- District Website – Treasurer Page
  - <http://www.riversidelocalschools.com/TreasurerCFO.aspx>

	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027
Beginning Balance	23,583,906	25,755,923	25,641,055	23,119,441	18,076,352
Total Revenues	50,860,691	51,174,584	51,627,149	52,101,924	52,311,666
Total Expenditures	48,688,674	51,289,452	54,148,763	57,145,013	60,325,362
Revenue Surplus or Deficit	2,172,017	(114,868)	(2,521,614)	(5,043,089)	(8,013,696)
Ending Balance	25,755,923	25,641,055	23,119,441	18,076,352	10,062,656

Ohio Department of Education: Five Year Forecasts for all traditional and joint vocational school districts  
<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Finance-and-Funding/Five-Year-Forecasts/Submissions-of-Traditional-and-JVSDs>



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# Moody's Rating Upgrade

- Riverside recently upgraded from A1 to Aa3

Investment Grade	Long-Term
	Aaa
	Aa1
	Aa2
	Aa3
	A1
	A2
	A3
	Baa1
	Baa2
Non-Investment Grade	Baa3
	Ba1
	Ba2
	Ba3
	B1
	B2
	B3
	Caa1
	Caa2
	Caa3
	Ca
	C

## Moody's Long-Term Rating Definitions

Moody's long-term obligation ratings are opinions of the relative credit risk of fixed-income obligations with an original maturity of one year or more. They address the possibility that a financial obligation will not be honored as promised. Such ratings reflect both the likelihood of default and any financial loss suffered in the event of default.

**Aaa** Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal risk.

**Aa** Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

**A** Obligations rated A are considered upper-medium-grade and are subject to low credit risk.

**Baa** Obligations rated Baa are subject to moderate credit risk. They are considered medium-grade and as such may possess speculative characteristics.

**Ba** Obligations rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk.

Source: Moody's Investor Services

[https://www.moody.com/sites/products/productattachments/ap075378\\_1\\_1408\\_ki.pdf](https://www.moody.com/sites/products/productattachments/ap075378_1_1408_ki.pdf)





# Moody's Rating Upgrade

## Summary

Riverside Local School District, OH (Lake County)'s (Aa3) strong credit profile is supported by its strong financial position, growing enrollment that is expected to continue through the next several years, strong resident income, and proximity to Cleveland. These credit strengths are balanced against the district's elevated leverage and mixed voter support for operating levy and bond referendums, with voters rejecting the district's \$147.7 million bond referendum in May 2022 to address significant capital needs. Debt is likely to materially rise if the district moves forward with significant borrowing plans in the near-term.

## Factors that could lead to an upgrade

- » Sustained growth in operating reserves or liquidity
- » Material decline in leverage

## Factors that could lead to a downgrade

- » Significant weakening of resident income or enrollment trends
- » Material narrowing of operating reserves or liquidity

Source: Moody's Investor Services – Credit opinion for Riverside Schools dated June 30, 2023



# Auditor of State Award



Source: District Records – 8<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year – Fiscal Years 2015-2022

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# Auditor of State Award - StaRS



Source: District Records – Fiscal Year 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year – AOS began program in 2020

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# Safety Improvements

- Two District-Wide School Resource Officers
  - James Fitzgerald and Joseph Basco
- Full Time School Safety Officer in Each School
  - Riverside Campus – Dan Shaw
  - LaMuth Middle School – Michael Bruening
  - Buckeye Elementary School – Chris Collins
  - Melridge Elementary School – Mark Rich
  - Parkside Elementary School - Carey Warner
  - Riverview Elementary School – Alan Ward





# Safety Improvements



Deputy Mark Rich  
School Safety Officer  
Melridge



Deputy Christopher Collins  
School Safety Officer  
Buckeye



Deputy Carey Warner  
School Safety Officer  
Parkside



Deputy Alan Ward  
School Safety Officer  
Riverview



Deputy Michael Bruening  
School Safety Officer  
LaMuth



Deputy Dan Shaw  
School Safety Officer  
Campus



Deputy James Fitzgerald  
School Resource Officer  
District



Deputy Joseph Basco  
School Resource Officer  
District



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# Safety Grants

- Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Program - \$400,000.00
  - Construction of secure entrances/vestibules at the Riverside Campus, LaMuth Middle School, Buckeye Elementary School, and Melridge Elementary School
- Ohio Attorney General School Safety Grant - \$23,357.55
  - Camera replacement/upgrades



# Facility Improvements

- Under contract with Bialosky Cleveland to perform a formal facility assessment of our legacy buildings
- Report containing recommend facility improvements to be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>
- BOE work session to be scheduled in the fall to review results and determine next steps





# Questions?

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