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SCHOOL DISTRICT SAU26

2011-2012 Budget Revenues vs. Expenses

04-APR-2011

The Basics

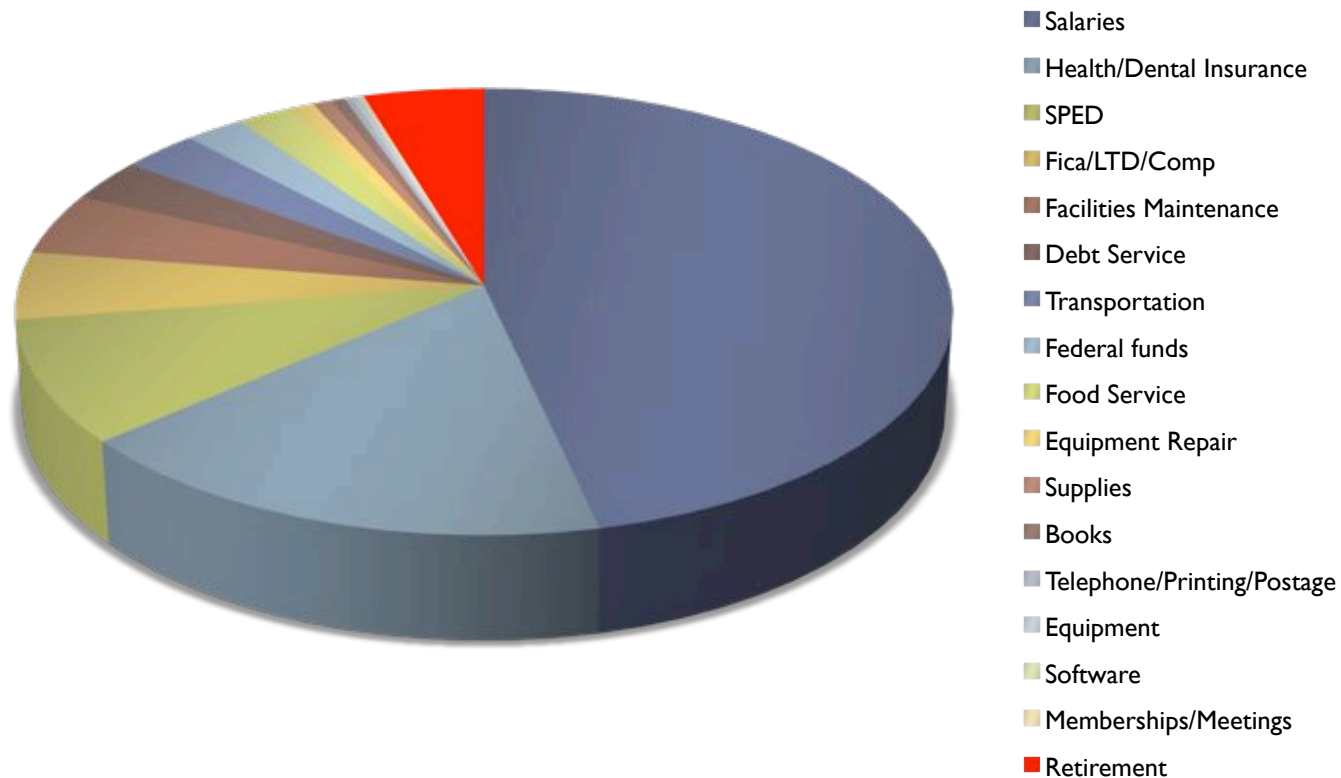
- ▶ Expenses: how much money do we spend?
- ▶ Revenues: how much money do we raise?

- ▶ Appropriations: how much are we *authorized* to spend?

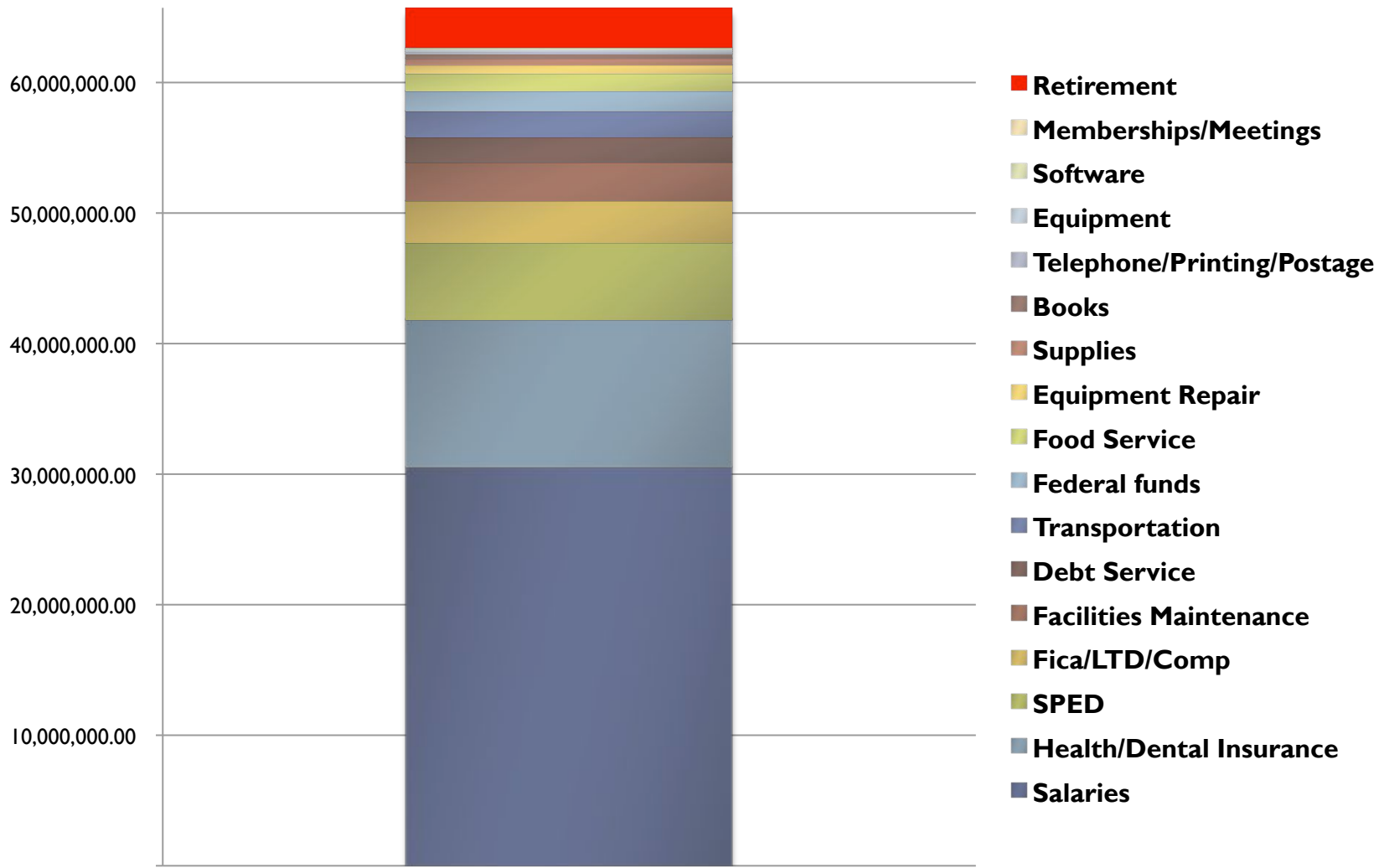


Proposed District Budget 2011-2012

▶ Total: \$65,721,074.79

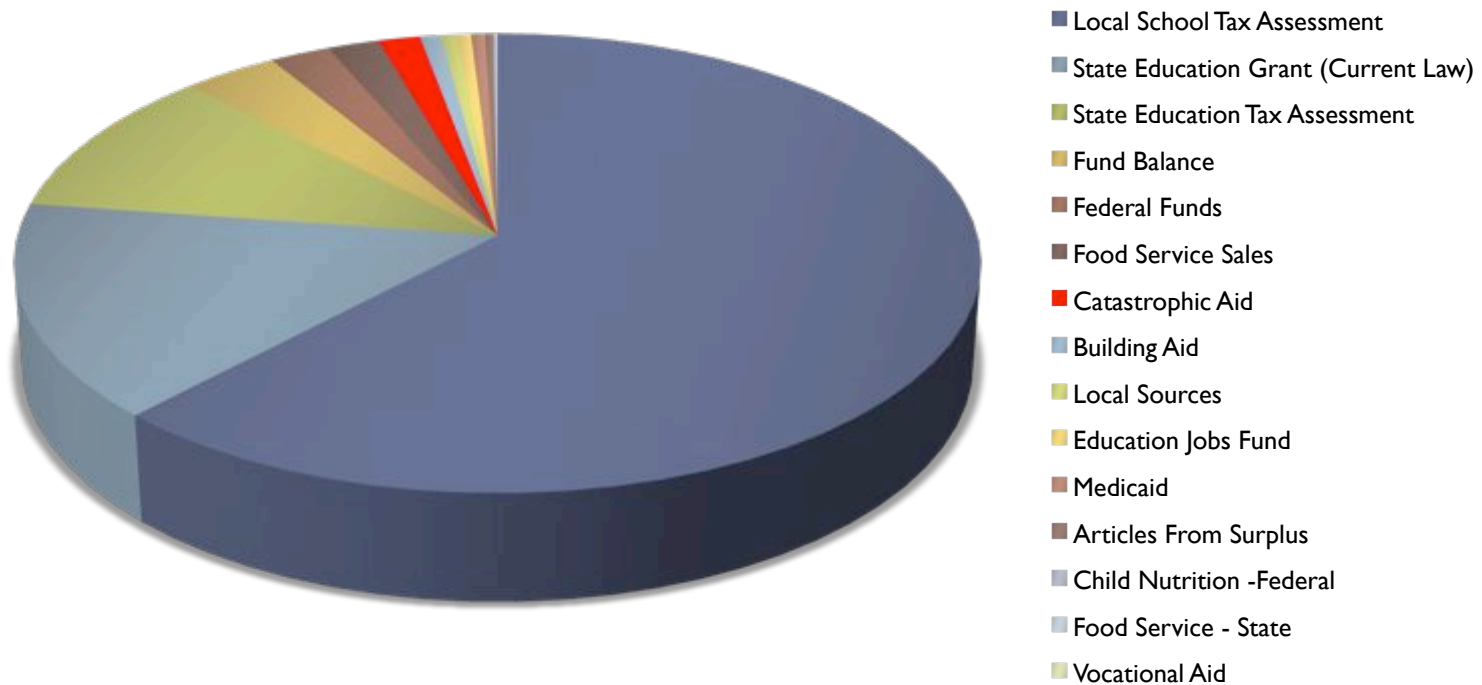


Another Way to Look at Expenses

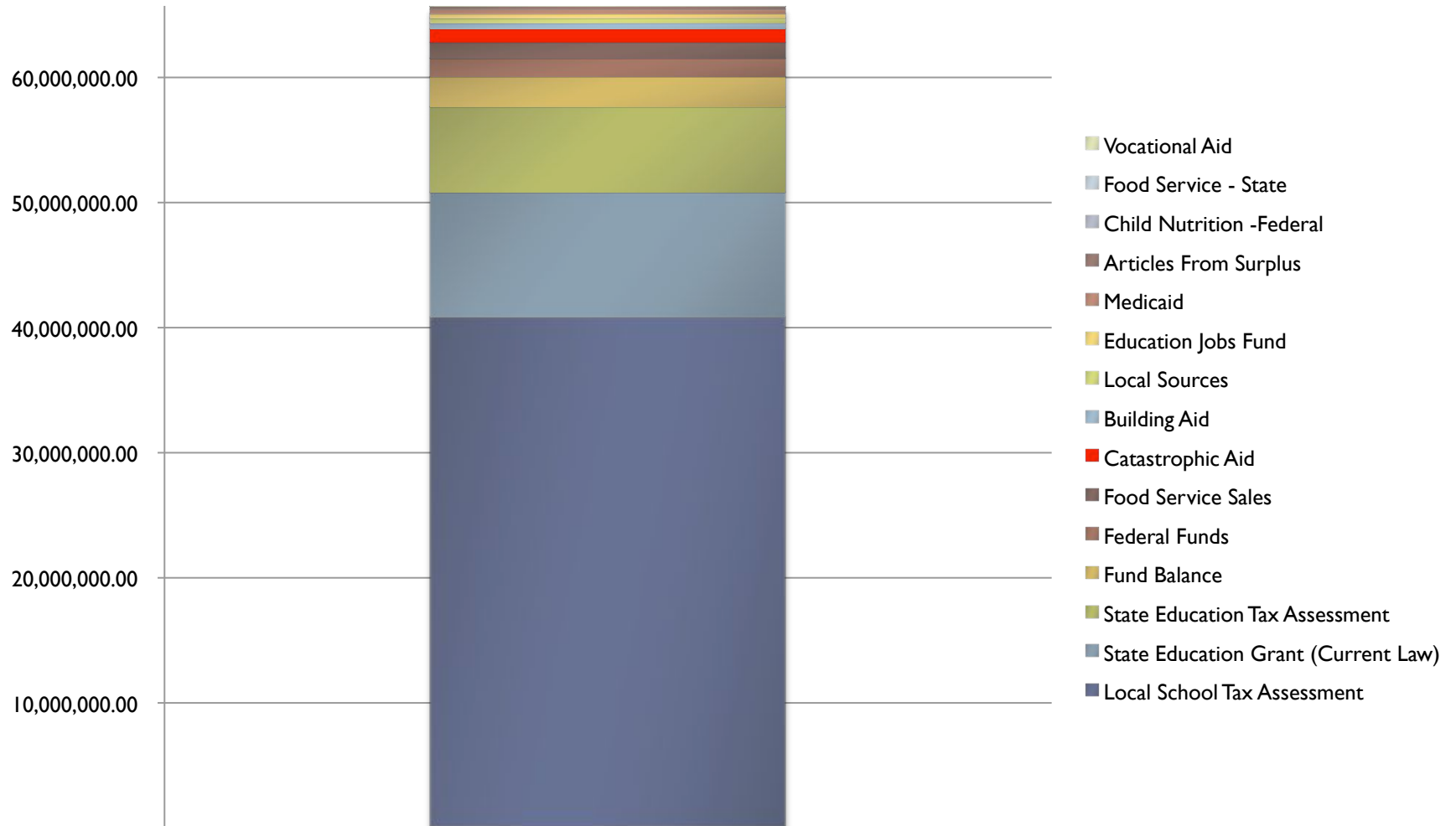


Proposed District Revenues 2011-2012

▶ Where does the money come from?

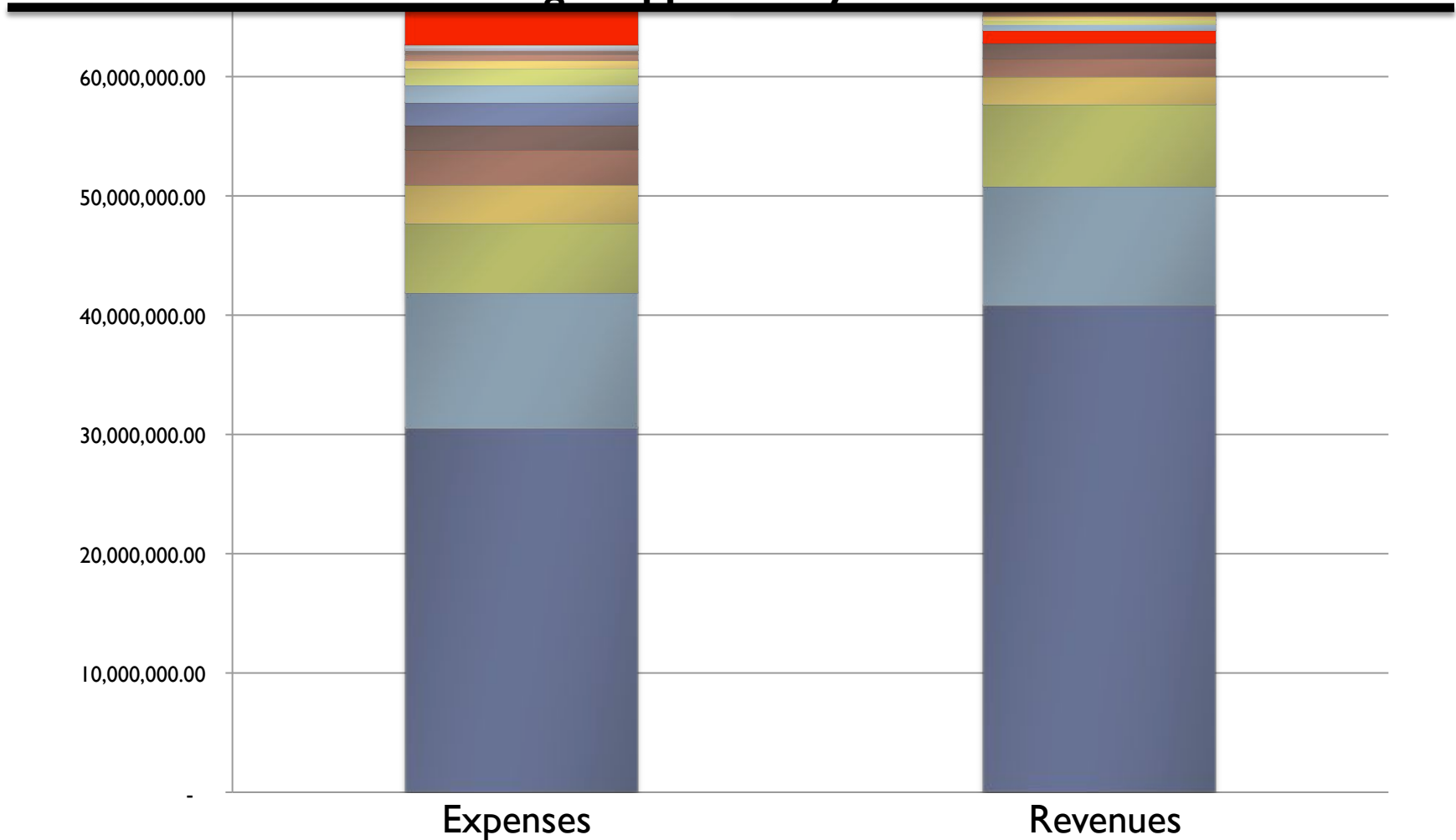


Another Way to Look at Revenues



Budget Revenues **MUST** Equal Expenses

Budget Approved by Voters



Now, What if Something Changes?

▶ Revenues

- ▶ We have experienced changes in state aid from year to year
- ▶ State budget action could affect Catastrophic Aid, Building Aid, State Education Grants, etc.

▶ Expenses

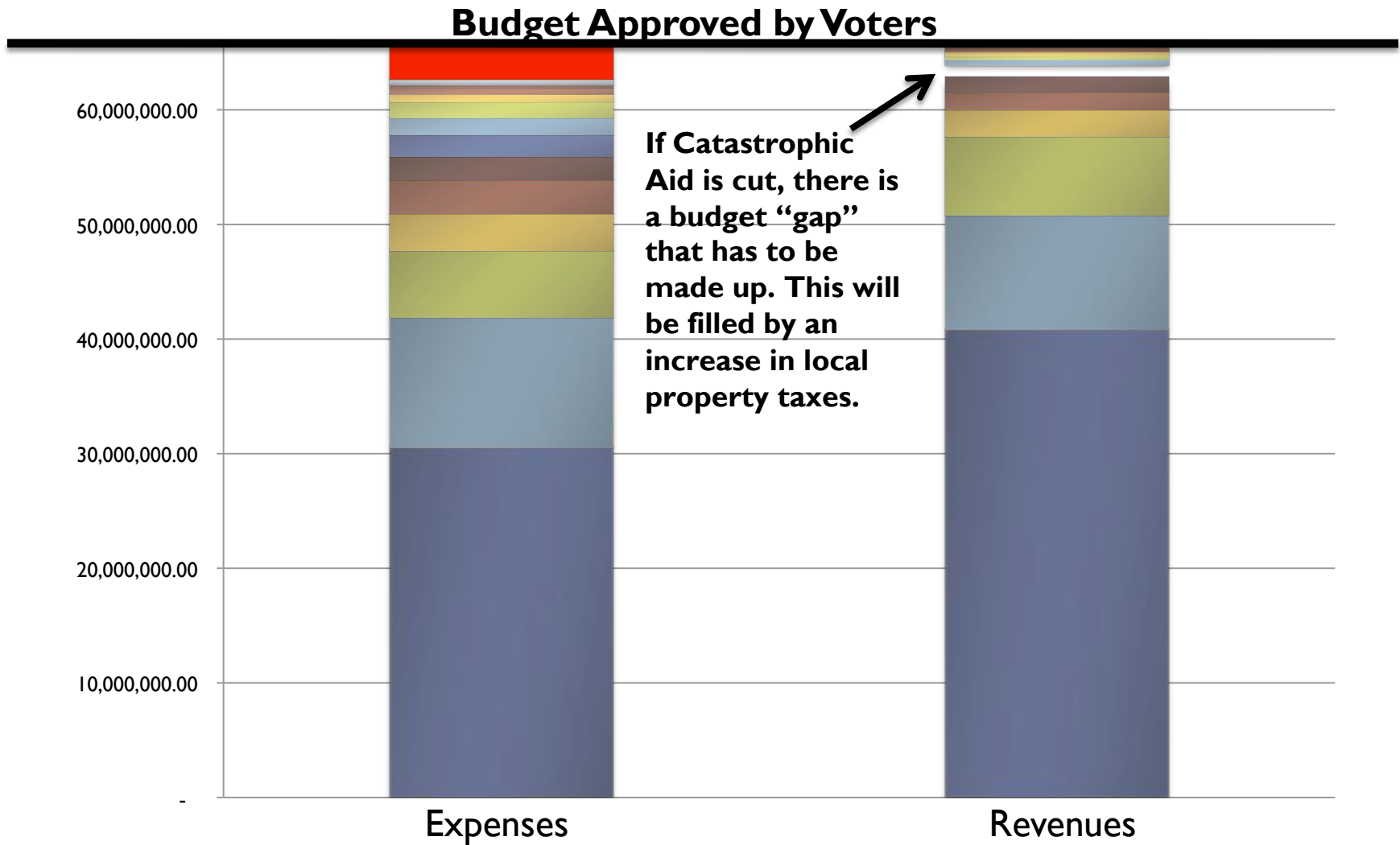
- ▶ We usually spend less than the budget
 - ▶ E.g. Salaries may decrease due to replacement of retiring staff
 - ▶ Any surplus is returned to the taxpayers in the December tax bill
- ▶ Expenses can also rise (e.g. possible changes to state retirement contributions)

▶ **Bottom Line:**

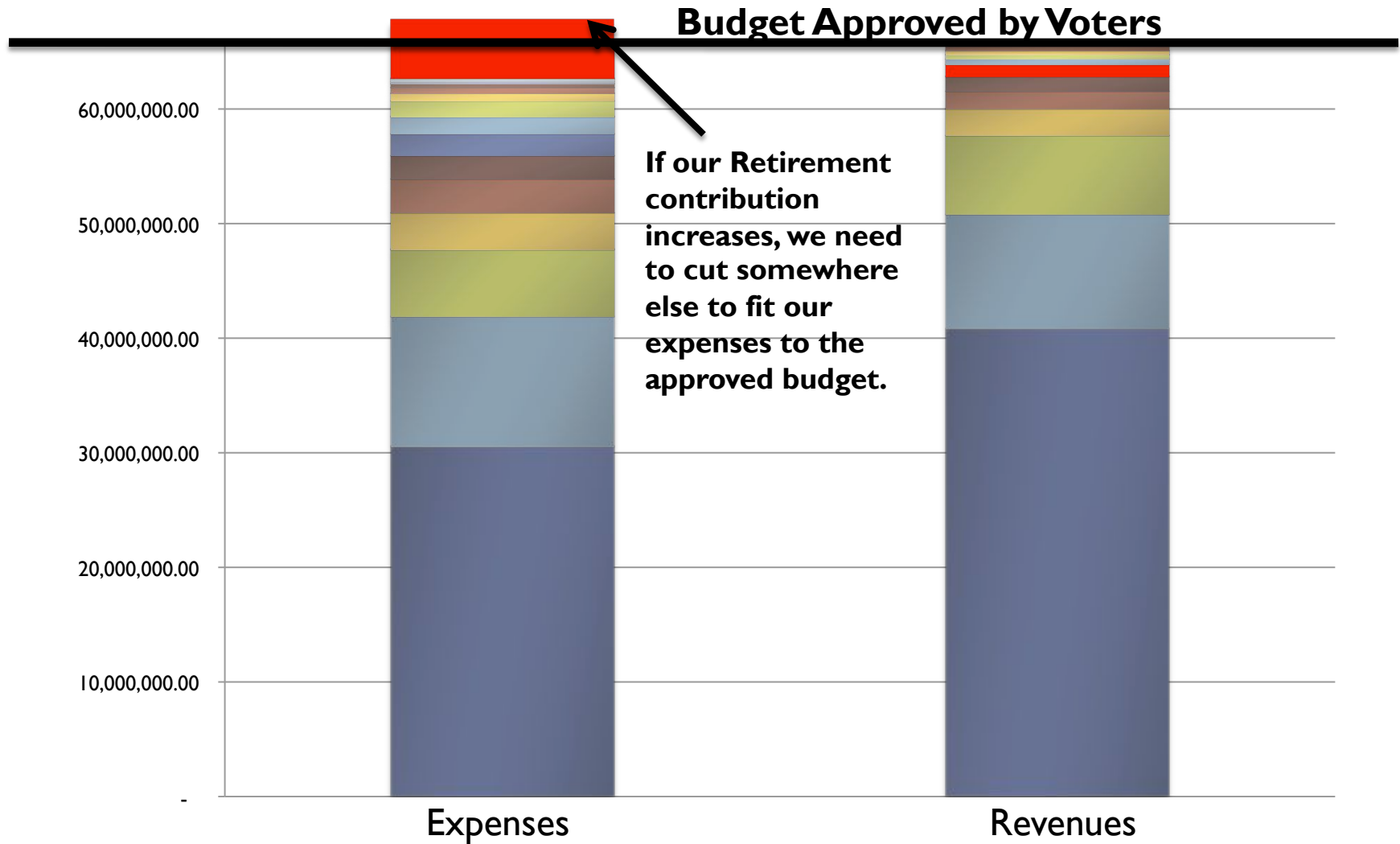
- ▶ **Revenues must cover our Expenses**
- ▶ **We cannot spend more than the voters approve on April 12**



Example #1: Revenue Decrease



Example #2: Expenses Increase



More about Cuts

- ▶ The \$501,000 cut proposed at the deliberative session was to address a likely shortfall in **revenues**
 - ▶ This was rejected by the voters at the deliberative session
 - ▶ If revenues from the State decline, local property taxes will increase
- ▶ If the State budget passed in Concord this June increases our **expenses**
 - ▶ We cannot raise more revenues to cover those expenses
 - ▶ We will have to cut elsewhere to balance our budget

