

# BUDGET BULLETIN



**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

**Mahopac High School Gym • 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**



**VOTE**

## **Mahopac Central School District 2022-2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

### **What is on the Ballot**

#### **Proposition 1: 2022-2023 Budget**

Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$133,011,332 for the 2022-2023 school year for school purposes and levy the necessary tax?

#### **Proposition 2: Purchase of School Buses**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District, in the County of Putnam, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses and vans and related equipment for use by the District and to expend \$1,160,000 therefor; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$1,160,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,160,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

#### **School Bus Purchase Details**

The District plans to purchase six (6) 65 passenger buses, two (2) 36 passenger buses, one (1) wheelchair accessible bus and related equipment.

#### **Board of Education Election**

For information on candidates running for the Board of Education, see the District Clerk's page at [Mahopac.org](http://Mahopac.org)

### **What happens if the budget fails?**

Should the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget be defeated on May 17, the Board of Education has two choices. (1) Hold a second budget vote or (2) immediately adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget will be reduced by \$3,007,944. This level of budget reduction would have a significant negative impact on academics, arts, athletic programs and community use of facilities.

### **Dear Mahopac School Community:**

Mahopac's children continue to thrive in our schools and are achieving unprecedented levels of success in the classroom, on the fields and on the stage. Our faculty remains committed to performing at the top of their profession and supporting student success at all levels. We appreciate these accomplishments and the daily dedication of every member of the Mahopac Central School District learning community to ensure the success and safety of our students.

All faculty and staff members of the MCSD are passionate with regards to providing an engaging and enriching educational experience for our students. The MCSD Board of Education seeks our community's approval for a school budget that maintains and improves upon these meaningful opportunities for students, amid the ongoing challenges and unfunded mandates. We work extremely hard to balance our commitment to serving the needs of every student while providing value to our taxpayers. Developing a budget that maintains our high quality academic and extra-curricular programs within the tax levy cap is the result of carefully considered, long-term strategic planning. The 2022-23 budget sustains the Board's commitment to continuous improvement across our district by maintaining support of our professional development for faculty and staff. **These educational objectives are achieved while remaining within the allowable tax levy cap.**

Significant variables impacted this year's budget, these include wages subject to collective bargaining, a shift in student program needs, health insurance fees, utility costs and debt service payments. **The 2022-23 budget represents 3.35% tax levy increase, within the allowable limit.** Since New York State's mandated adoption of the tax cap, the MCSD tax levy has always been at or below the mandated cap, with an **average increase over the past five years of 1.34% (tax levy) and 1.19% (budget).**

The Board appreciates the community for its time, valuable input and feedback throughout the budget process. We are committed to providing a high quality, enriching, and safe school experience for every student who learns in the MCSD. We thank you for your continued support of our students and schools.

Sincerely,

*Anthony DiCarlo*  
Anthony DiCarlo  
Superintendent of Schools

*Michael Mongon*  
Michael Mongon  
Board of Education President

### **About This Budget**

Total proposed Spending	133,011,332
Current Year Spending	127,378,406
Budget-to-Budget Increase	5,632,926
Budget-to-Budget Percentage Increase	4.42%
Tax Levy Increase	3.35%



Culinary student Bri Nunez, of Mahopac, learned math concepts for pi, radii, circumference and diameter recently as she baked key-lime pies for "pi day," celebrated on 3-14. Bri is one of hundreds of Mahopac High School students who learn skills used in valuable careers from Auto Mechanic to Veterinarian at PNW BOCES Career/Tech Center.



Second graders had their own Winter Olympics. They researched and wrote about countries that participated, kept track of the medal count as a math lesson and had plenty of fun.



The Mahopac Central School District offers a wide array of musical ensembles, including the Philharmonic Orchestra, String Sinfonietta, Chorus, Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band. Mahopac was selected as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in 2021 by the NAMM Foundation. The renovated MHS music wing offers spacious, soundproof music and chorus rooms, professional-grade practice studios and climate-controlled storage cubbies that protect the instruments.



Mahopac High School students practice coding and machine control in the Principles of Engineering class, one of several college-level engineering courses that are taught in the high school's new STEM area, which is designed to prepare them for college and careers.



A classroom library stocked with high-interest books in a range of reading levels is the bedrock of the Mahopac schools' elementary reading program. Every classroom in the district's three elementary schools offers young readers a wide selection of books to teach the love of reading.

## Who Can Vote?

### To vote you must be:

- A resident of the Mahopac Central School District for at least 30 days before the election
- 18 years of age or older
- A U.S. citizen

See District Clerk's page of [Mahopac.org](http://Mahopac.org) for more information.

### How to register to vote

- Register in person or online through the Putnam County Board of Elections
- Submit your voter application form at the Department of Motor Vehicles, either in person or on its website if you already have DMV-issued identification
- Call 1-800-FOR-VOTE hotline to request a voter application
- Register to vote at a special registration on Thursday, May 5, 2022,

from 4–7 p.m. in the District Clerk's office of Mahopac Central District Office. You must bring appropriate identification that shows you are a resident of the Mahopac Central School District, US citizen, and 18 years old by the time of the vote.

### Absentee Ballot Information

Absentee ballot applications can be downloaded from the District Clerk page at [Mahopac.org](http://Mahopac.org), obtained by email from District Clerk Melody LaRocca at [laroccam@mahopac.org](mailto:laroccam@mahopac.org) or picked up from Ms. LaRocca at the District Office during regular business hours from 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Absentee ballot applications should be submitted in original form, with the original signature at least seven days before the vote/election if the ballot will be mailed to the voter and by the day before the vote/election if the ballot will be personally picked up by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote/election (May 17, 2022) in order to be counted.



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# 2022-2023 Budget Summary

	2021-2022	2022-2023
<b>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION / SERVICES</b>		
BOARD OF EDUCATION & DISTRICT CLERK	111,102	109,657
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	343,737	365,517
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	1,236,726	1,066,930
LEGAL	311,500	301,000
AUDITING	69,650	77,000
HUMAN RESOURCES	461,164	440,181
	2,533,879	2,360,285
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND DEBT SERVICE</b>		
EMPLOYEES/TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM	8,365,515	8,186,533
FICA	5,783,167	5,687,171
HEALTH INSURANCE, WORKERS COMP & OTHER INSURANCE BENEFITS	17,780,240	19,211,128
DEBT SERVICE & INTERFUND TRANSFERS	3,930,603	5,463,407
	35,859,525	38,548,239
<b>INSTRUCTION &amp; SERVICE TO CHILDREN</b>		
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	585,120	638,462
SUPERVISION-REGULAR SCHOOL	3,097,750	3,244,498
TEACHING REGULAR SCHOOL, RESEARCH & IN-SERVICE	36,936,553	37,400,825
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES	20,124,908	21,279,908
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, ADULT EDUCATION	2,174,536	2,180,650
SCHOOL LIBRARY, AUDIO VISUAL & COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION	3,466,612	3,742,234
GUIDANCE	1,536,246	1,654,070
HEALTH SERVICES, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES	3,057,027	2,996,113
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	1,491,437	1,545,150
	72,470,189	74,681,910
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION & BUS GARAGE	6,471,705	6,836,674
	6,471,705	6,836,674
<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b>		
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	8,184,099	8,431,634
PRINTING & MAILING	186,086	174,891
DATA PROCESSING, INSURANCE, BOCES	1,672,923	1,977,699
	10,043,108	10,584,224
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>127,378,406</b>	<b>133,011,332</b>

## Estimated Tax Rates

The following 2022-2023 tax rates are projected, based on 2021 assessment information from the towns of Carmel and Putnam Valley. The towns' assessments will be changing and therefore final tax rates will not be determined until August.

	Actual Tax Rate 2021-2022	Estimated Tax Rate 2022-2023 *	Percent of Change	Estimated effect on \$100,000 of assessed valuation
Carmel (Mahopac)	\$22.03	\$22.79	3.35%	\$76
Putnam Valley	\$22.04	\$22.79	3.35%	\$75

\* These rates are subject to change.



Mahopac athletes continue to make us proud. High School Wrestler Angelo Centrone won the Section 1 Championship in his weight class, was named the "Most Outstanding Wrestler" for the tournament and was a three-time All State Wrestler.

For additional information please contact District Clerk Melody LaRocca, [larocca@mahopac.org](mailto:larocca@mahopac.org) or 845-628-3415, ext. 10550.



# MAHOPAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The fourth-grade social studies curriculum is focused on New York State history, and students at Fulmar Road Elementary School made Jacob's Ladders toys, just like the kids who lived in this region during the Colonial era once did.



The annual STEAM Fair showcasing science, technology, engineering, art and math projects created by students in sixth through eighth grades is a Mahopac Middle School tradition. The event paves a pathway to higher level science opportunities in the district, as MHS students who are members of the Science National Honor Society mentor the middle schoolers and show them all that is involved in conducting a sound scientific experiment.

## Where the Money Goes

### INSTRUCTION AND SERVICE TO CHILDREN

**\$74,681,910**

By far, the largest portion of the budget (56.14%) supports teaching and learning, including individual school support and instructional staff salaries.

### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND DEBT SERVICE

**\$38,548,239**

Employee benefits and debt service together represent 28.98% of budgeted expenditures.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

**\$10,584,224**

This represents the day-to-day operation and maintenance of district facilities.

### TRANSPORTATION

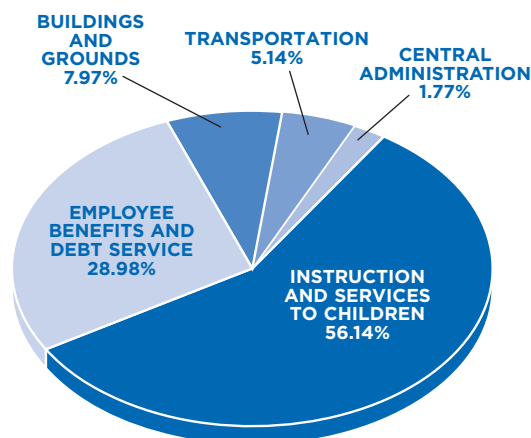
**\$6,836,674**

This represents the cost of in-district and out-of-district student transportation, including private and parochial school transportation.

### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

**\$2,360,285**

This portion of the budget supports the day-to-day operations of the District Office and central office personnel.



## Where the Money Comes From

### PROPERTY TAX LEVY

**\$92,763,650**

69.74% of budget revenue comes from property taxes.

### STATE AID

**\$34,844,726**

Foundation, special education, textbook, building, transportation and BOCES aid are included in the total received from New York State, representing 26.19% of our revenue.

### RENTALS

**\$209,900**

The district raises revenue through the rental of classrooms and other space.

### FUND BALANCE AND RESERVES

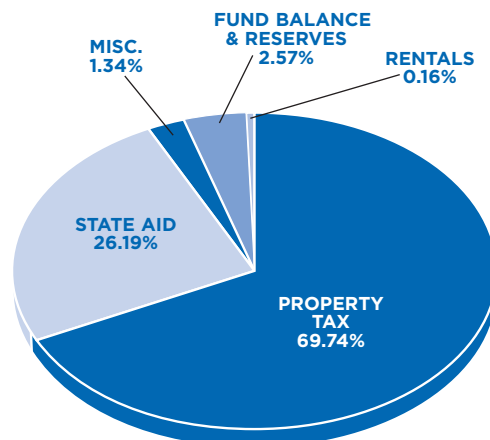
**\$3,413,056**

The fund balance is an appropriation of surplus revenue used to offset the tax rate.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**\$1,780,000**

This includes gifts, health services, and sale of obsolete assets.



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