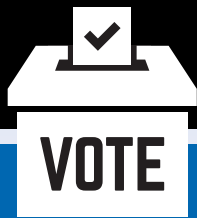


BUDGET BULLETIN



TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

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



Mahopac Central School District 2021-2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL

What is on the Ballot

Proposition 1: 2021-2022 Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$127,378,406 for the 2021-2022 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 \$883,500 therefor; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$883,500 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 \$883,500 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

School Board Trustees

Voters will elect three (3) Trustees for a three (3) year term. Candidates (as they will appear on the ballot) for the 2021-2022 Board of Education Election are:

Lucy Massafra, Joaquim Mota Jr., David Furfaro, Michael Martin, Roger Duran, Allison Mueller

What happens if the budget fails?

Should the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget be defeated on May 18, the Board of Education usually has two choices. (1) Hold a second budget vote or (2) immediately adopt a contingency budget. Under a Contingency Budget, the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget will be reduced by \$ 1,787,585. This level of budget reductions would have a significant negative impact on academics, arts, athletic programs and community use of facilities.

Dear Mahopac School Community:

This year, we have collaborated to design a budget which supports our Strategic Plan: *to prepare each and every student for college and career readiness, to educate all students to be responsible and productive members of the global community and especially become: caring, collaborative and compassionate people; critical thinkers, problems solvers and resilient listeners and communicators; and lifelong learners.* Our goal was to balance the budget while maintaining student instructional and extracurricular programs to support our students and the community.

Along with maintaining all current programs and staffing levels, and supporting both the continued implementation of the Strategic Plan and the voter approved Capital Project, the proposed 2021-22 budget is under the tax cap. It is anticipated that a home assessed at \$400,000 in 2020, with no change to the 2021 individual assessment, could see an estimated annual tax decrease of \$105.

This year's budget provides essential programs and supports including:

- The expansion of Project Lead the Way Engineering Program at MMS and MHS,
- The expansion of Teachers College Readers Writers Workshop grades 4 and 5 planning for grade 6 implementation in 2022-2023,
- The implementation of and training in a Social Emotional Learning (SEL), framework/structure for the District (all staff and students K-12), and
- An additional section of our K-2 12:1:2 special class program

The second proposition on the ballot this year supports our District's fleet replacement plan. Specifically the purchase of five 65-passenger school buses and six 20-passenger school vans. This plan has been designed to be the safest, most cost effective, and most predictable way to budget for our District transportation which annually supports:

- Six school buildings,
- 101 in-district bus routes,
- Over 50 out-of-district routes (both non-public and special needs),
- Athletic teams including 27 varsity, 11 junior varsity, and 15 modified teams, and
- Special Programs including field trips

Based on State Aid revenue presented in the Legislative 2021-2022 adopted state budget, on April 22 the Board of Education adopted Mahopac's proposed 2021-2022 budget of \$127,378,406, which represents a tax levy compliant increase of 2.03%. Please take the time to exercise your civic responsibility and vote, either in person or by absentee ballot, on May 18.

Respectfully yours,

Anthony DiCarlo
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Superintendent of Schools

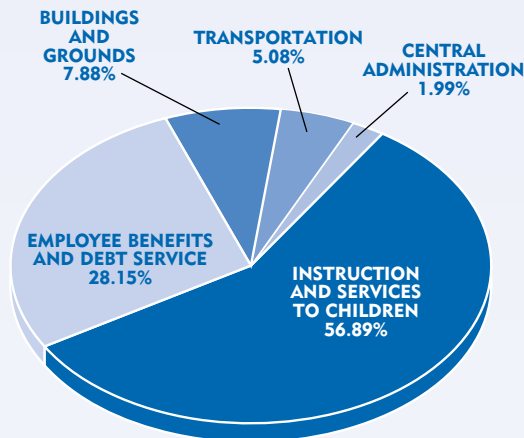
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Board of Education President

About This Budget

<u>Total proposed Spending</u>	127,378,406
<u>Current Year Spending</u>	125,312,685
<u>Budget-to-Budget Increase</u>	2,065,721
<u>Budget-to-Budget Percentage Increase</u>	1.65%
<u>Tax Levy Increase</u>	2.03%



Where the Money Goes



INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN \$72,470,189

By far, the largest portion of the budget 56.89% supports teaching and learning, including individual school support and instructional staff salaries.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND DEBT SERVICE \$35,859,525

Employee benefits and debt service together represent 28.15% of budgeted expenditures.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS \$10,043,108

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

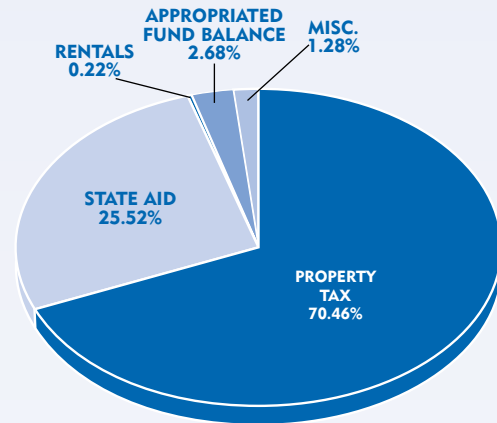
TRANSPORTATION \$6,471,705

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

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION \$2,533,879

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 \$89,755,706

70.46% of budget revenue comes from property taxes.

STATE AID \$32,301,708

Foundation, special education, textbook, building, transportation and BOCES aid are included in the total received from New York State, representing 25.52% of our revenue.

RENTALS \$277,815

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

FUND BALANCE/RESERVES \$3,417,452

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

MISCELLANEOUS \$1,625,725

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



Fulmar Road students, back to fully in-person instruction since early March, celebrated Earth Day outside by reading a book with Assistant Principal Elizabeth Blessing.



Senior Abigail Park won the Katonah Museum of Art's annual Young Artists postcard design contest. Park's work was used to promote the exhibition which features nearly 350 artworks from more than 30 regional schools.



The girls varsity basketball team was crowned PNW Regional Champions with a decisive 77-39 victory over Brewster. Athletic Director Luciana said, "They played as a team and reached their goals! I am very proud and they should be too!"

Who Can Vote?

To vote you must be:

A permanent resident of the district for at least 30 days immediately prior to the vote

- 18 years of age or older
- A U.S. citizen
- Registered with the school district or the Putnam County Board of Elections

Any qualified resident may register to vote in this year's election at the District Office, 179 E. Lake Blvd. during regular business hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on days when school is in session, until Thursday, May 13, 2021 (five days before the vote). On Thursday, May 13 the hours are extended until 7 p.m. Anyone who comes to the District Office must wear an appropriate face mask, must not have any

COVID-19 related symptoms, must maintain social distance, and must sign in for contact tracing purposes. Please bring one form of proof of residence, such as a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, or a utility bill.

To confirm registration, contact the the Putnam County Board of Elections. 845-808-1300; <https://putnamboe.com/voterregistration/>

A registered voter may complete an application for an absentee ballot and return it to the District Clerk no later than seven days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally by the voter. Absentee ballots and the updated list of reasons one may be granted are available on the District website www.mahopac.org. Please note that for this vote only, voters who do not wish to appear at the polling place for fear of contracting or spreading COVID-19 can request an Absentee Ballot Application.



VOTE

VOTE **TUESDAY, MAY 18**, AT MAHOPAC HIGH SCHOOL GYM 6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

2021–2022 Budget Summary



	2020–2021	2021–2022
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION / SERVICES		
BOARD OF EDUCATION & DISTRICT CLERK	88,650	111,102
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	342,790	343,737
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	1,123,407	1,236,726
AUDITING	50,800	69,650
LEGAL	301,457	311,500
HUMAN RESOURCES	516,091	461,164
	2,423,195	2,533,879
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND DEBT SERVICE		
EMPLOYEES/TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM	7,597,072	8,365,515
FICA	5,369,036	5,783,167
HEALTH INSURANCE, WORKERS COMP & OTHER INSURANCE BENEFITS	17,724,292	17,780,240
DEBT SERVICE & INTERFUND TRANSFERS	3,110,678	3,930,603
	33,801,078	35,859,525
INSTRUCTION & SERVICE TO CHILDREN		
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	472,404	585,120
SUPERVISION-REGULAR SCHOOL	2,925,044	3,097,750
TEACHING REGULAR SCHOOL RESEARCH & IN-SERVICE	36,990,544	36,936,553
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES	20,465,056	20,124,908
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, ADULT EDUCATION	2,216,669	2,174,536
SCHOOL LIBRARY, AUDIO VISUAL & COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION	3,532,938	3,466,612
GUIDANCE	1,509,416	1,536,246
HEALTH SERVICES, PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES-REG SCHOOL	2,698,010	3,057,027
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	1,292,462	1,491,437
	72,102,542	72,470,189
TRANSPORTATION		
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION & BUS GARAGE	6,607,783	6,471,705
	6,607,783	6,471,705
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS		
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	7,592,921	8,184,099
PRINTING & MAILING	108,948	186,086
DATA PROCESSING, INSURANCE, BOCES	1,374,941	1,672,923
	9,076,810	10,043,108
GRAND TOTAL	125,312,865	127,378,406

Estimated Tax Rates

The following 2021-2022 tax rates are projected, based on 2021 tentative assessment information currently available 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 2020-2021	Estimated* Tax Rate 2021-2022	Percent of Change	Estimated effect on \$100,000 of assessed valuation
Carmel (Mahopac)	\$22.32	\$22.06	(1.18%)	(\$26.29)
Putnam Valley	\$22.32	\$22.06	(1.18%)	(\$26.29)

* These rates are subject to change.



"The music program helped me love performing and I'm honestly super impressed by the hard work and musical successes of the music community here, especially during the pandemic." —Senior Senior Alex Tyberg (right, with classmates Max Semegran and Olivia Vataj)

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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-2021 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 125,312,865	\$ 127,378,406	\$ 125,590,821
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 2,065,541	\$ 277,956
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.65%	0.22%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	87,968,121	89,755,706	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	87,968,121	89,755,706	87,968,121
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 1,351,005	\$ 1,574,519	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 86,617,115	\$ 88,181,187	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 86,617,115	\$ 88,181,187	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	
Administrative Component	\$ 9,274,686	\$ 10,202,378	\$ 10,098,505
Program Component	\$ 103,558,686	\$ 103,444,572	\$ 102,304,153
Capital Component	\$ 12,479,493	\$ 13,731,456	\$ 13,188,163

* STATEMENT OF ASSUMPTIONS:

If the proposed budget is defeated (pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law) the Board of Education may resubmit the budget to the voters or immediately adopt a contingency budget. The contingency budget will impact various academic, athletic, and extra-curricular programs, as well as the level of maintenance and facility upkeep. Additionally, various equipment slated to be purchased in 2021-22 (excluding health & safety and NYS hardware aided amounts) would be reduced and in accordance with NYS Law, under a contingency budget the District would have to charge outside groups to use District facilities.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Purchase of School Buses and Related Equipment	\$883,500

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ - Town of Carmel	\$ 1,041
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ - Town of Putnam Valley	\$ 1,041

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Mahopac School District, Putnam County, New York, will be held at Mahopac High School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



For additional information please contact
District Clerk Melody LaRocca, laroccam@mahopac.org or 845-682-3415, ext. 10550.

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