

MORAVIA

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET EDITION ► SPRING 2022

BUDGET FACTS

Proposed Budget

\$26,632,861

Spending Increase

\$1,489,605 (or 5.92%)

Estimated Tax Levy Increase

\$217,499 (or 2.50%)



RESIDENTS TO VOTE MAY 17 ON 2022-23 BUDGET

Dear District Residents,

The details of the proposed 2022-2023 school budget are included in this newsletter. The total budget of \$26,632,861 represents an increase of 5.92% over the 2021-22 budget, and a 2.50% local tax levy increase which is at the district's tax cap. By doing this, we are able to continue to expand programs while remaining fiscally responsible with a multi-year plan that avoids large fluctuations in the local tax levy.

As with every budget, the administration and school board began the process with a revisit of the district strategic plan priorities that were focused on responding to our students academic and social emotional needs as a result of this pandemic. Based on increased funding at both the state and federal levels to help address these needs we were able to develop a fiscal plan that focuses on early academic intervention to include the following positions: a full-day UPK program, Speech Therapist, Elementary Reading Teacher, Elementary Special Education Teacher, and a Kindergarten Teaching Assistant. As a district, we continue to allocate resources towards our strategic planning goal that "all students will be reading on grade-level proficiency by 3rd grade." Research supports that dollar for dollar investing in early intervention is key to students being successful later on and is the most cost effective way to support all students learning on grade level in later years. As part of this plan, we will also be hiring a K-8 Literacy Coach who will be working with students and staff alike on best practices in reading/writing and will also be having all elementary teachers trained in the Science of Reading in the months ahead. Responding to the social emotional needs of our district students,

we are also applying for state and federal grant funding to support an additional social worker and a security guard position at the elementary school. Neither of these positions will be part of the proposed budget but will instead be supported through these additional grants recently made available to all districts.

Along with the budget, there is a proposition to purchase three 66-passenger school buses. The purchase of these buses allows the district to continue the 8-year replacement plan that was designed to be both safe and cost-effective. Residents will also elect three members of the Board of Education.

We believe that this budget represents a balance between educational opportunities for our students as well as fiscal responsibilities to our taxpayers. Please review the enclosed information and feel free to ask for any necessary clarification. John Birmingham, our Superintendent of Schools; Jeff Lawrence, our School Business Administrator; or any Board of Education member will be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns that you may have. The school budget presentation will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria. More importantly, the budget vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM in the High School North Foyer.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Moravia Central School District for their flexibility and continued support during the challenges presented by the pandemic. From full remote, hybrid, back to in-person, it has been a rollercoaster for us all!

► 2022-2023 School Budget

► Budget Hearing:

May 10, 2022
7PM, MS/HS Cafe

► Budget Vote:

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
7AM - 9PM
High School North Foyer
68 S. Main St.
Moravia, NY 13118

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

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including full budget
information, visit the
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A LOOK INSIDE THE PROPOSED BUDGET

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT

	2021-2022 ADOPTED	2022-2023 PROPOSED	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Board of Education	\$39,112	\$36,225	(\$2,887)	-7%
Central Administration	\$256,530	\$267,562	\$11,032	4%
Finance	\$431,538	\$449,216	\$17,678	4%
Legal Service	\$11,416	\$8,134	(\$3,282)	-29%
Personnel	\$19,338	\$19,675	\$337	2%
Public Information	\$67,753	\$69,028	\$1,275	2%
Other Central Services	\$695,522	\$727,022	\$31,501	5%
Insurance	\$62,000	\$63,240	\$1,240	2%
Curriculum Development	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$1,000	10%
Supervision Regular School	\$505,321	\$535,044	\$29,723	6%
Research/Planning/ Development	\$107,580	\$109,731	\$2,152	2%
Employee Benefits	\$511,669	\$515,047	\$3,378	1%
Total Administrative Component	\$2,717,778	\$2,810,925	\$93,146	3.43%

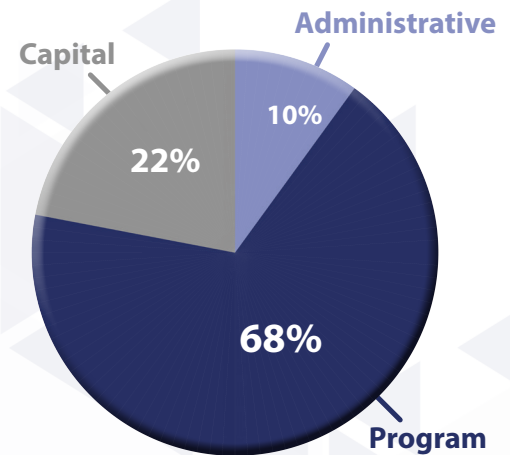
PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT

	2021-2022 ADOPTED	2022-2023 PROPOSED	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Legal Service	\$64,690	\$46,094	(\$18,596)	-29%
In-service Training	\$41,833	\$42,610	\$777	2%
Teaching Regular School	\$5,378,896	\$5,603,854	\$224,959	4%
Special Education Program	\$3,629,586	\$3,810,442	\$180,855	5%
Occupation Education	\$970,076	\$984,094	\$14,017	1%
Teaching Special Schools	\$129,617	\$131,281	\$1,663	1%
School Library/ Audio Visual	\$194,549	\$199,920	\$5,371	3%
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$815,024	\$752,485	(\$62,539)	-8%
Guidance/Attendance	\$326,092	\$345,147	\$19,055	6%
Health Services	\$129,915	\$200,945	\$71,030	55%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$207,417	\$215,972	\$8,555	4%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$438,519	\$449,260	\$10,741	2%
Transportation/Bus Garage	\$1,419,131	\$1,496,259	\$77,128	5%
Community Relations	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0%
Employee Benefits	\$3,701,597	\$3,726,038	\$24,441	1%
School Lunch Transfer	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	0%
Special Aid Transfer	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	0%
Total Program Component	\$17,533,443	\$18,090,900	\$557,457	3.18%

CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT

	2021-2022 ADOPTED	2022-2023 PROPOSED	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Operation of the Plant	\$1,092,384	\$1,108,494	\$16,110	1%
Maintenance of the Plant	\$358,963	\$365,946	\$6,983	2%
Refund of Taxes	\$9,000	\$4,500	(\$4,500)	-50%
Employee Benefits	\$294,829	\$296,776	\$1,947	1%
Debt Services	\$3,036,858	\$3,855,320	\$818,462	27%
Capital Outlay	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0%
Total Capital Budget:	\$4,892,035	\$5,731,036	\$839,002	17.15%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$25,143,256	\$26,632,861	\$1,489,605	5.92%

Three-Part Budget



ADMINISTRATIVE

- Salaries and benefits, as well as all other costs to operate the district office and each school's main office and cover Board of Education expenses.

PROGRAM

- Funding for all K-12 educational programs, including teacher and support staff salaries and benefits, BOCES special education and instructional services, interscholastic athletics and transportation.

CAPITAL

- Cleaning and maintaining district facilities, including salaries, benefits, service contracts, utilities, materials and supplies, capital outlay projects and debt service. The large increase in debt service is due to the district bonding the debt incurred from the Phase I - Capital Project, which is also being offset by correlating building aid.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION 1

2022-2023 Budget

Voters will consider the Moravia Central School District's proposed 2022-23 budget of \$26,632,861, which calls for a 2.50 percent increase in the local property tax levy.

PROPOSITION 2

Student Transportation Vehicles

Voters will also decide on a separate proposition to purchase three 66 passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$362,100.

FIVE CANDIDATES SEEK THREE SEATS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Moravia residents will elect three members of the Board of Education to each serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025. Candidates names were drawn by lot and will appear on the May 17 ballot in the following order:



Shawn Becker

Shawn, a lifelong Moravia resident, is the owner and operator of Becker Farms, which grows corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. Shawn graduated from Moravia High School. He coaches the Moravia Youth Trap Team and is a member of the Ag Committee for FFA. His interests include trap shooting and tractor pulling.

"As a father and grandfather of students in MCS, I wish to continue to serve on the school board," Becker said. "My common sense approach maintains fiscal responsibility while providing a safe learning environment for our students and promotes an enjoyable work environment to maintain a world class education."



Emily Palmer

Emily has lived in the district 13 years, is a stay-at-home parent for her two children. She graduated from Fairport High School, and then obtained her bachelor's degree in Marketing at SUNY Fredonia. Emily enjoys crafting, cooking and crocheting when she isn't busy with her children and their activities. She wants to serve on the board to become more involved in the district.

"Work ethic, integrity, positivity and respect are important to me and to maintain in our district to help our students reach their potential." Palmer said.



Andrew Powers

Andrew has lived in the district for 48 years, and works through the village as a school crossing guard officer. Andy graduated from Moravia Central School in 1981. He also serves as the president of Four Town First Aid, is a volunteer for the Locke Police Department and is a member of St. Matthews Church. His hobbies include working in the garage and garden, as well as collecting matchbook cars and antiques. Andrew is looking to help out in the community any way he can.

"I would like to see that all children (including the handicapped) get a fair education," Powers said. "I would like to see that all children who want to play any sport will be able to. To make sure that we have a well working budget for the district. I would like to see that taxpayers money is spent where it should be."



Connie Pendergast

Connie has lived in the district for 43 years and is retired from Cornell Law School, where she worked in admissions as a coordinator/administrative manager. A graduate of Ithaca High School, Connie obtained an associate's degree at Tompkins Cortland Community College in Chemical Dependency Counseling. She is also a licensed notary public. Connie enjoys traveling, cooking, wood furniture refinishing, and Yankees baseball.

"The integrity and effectiveness of our public school system is of importance to all of us. Our future leaders deserve a substansive and comprehensive education, and if elected, my goal will be to build on what's beneficial for our students and work to establish new avenues for them to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. Our public schools are worth the fight and investing in those for whom the district exists in the first place will contribute not only to their success but that of the entire community."



Jackie Schnurr

Jackie, who has lived in the district for 18 years, is a professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Wells College. Jackie graduated from Rhinebeck High School before getting her bachelor's at Cornell in Natural Resources. She went on the get her PhD in Biology at Idaho State. Jackie serves as the board president for the Powers Library in Moravia, and is a member of the board for the Friends of Fillmore Glen State Park and Owasco Flats Nature Reserve. She also serves on many committees at Wells, including the Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA. Jackie spends most of her time outside running or walking with her dog, and enjoys camping and traveling with her son. She wants to serve on the board because she believes in the importance of education for all students.

"In my almost 20 years as an educator, I have realized that teaching students how to think critically is one of the most useful skills for all people to have as productive members of society," Schnurr said. "I believe that the public school system is integral to the development of our students as they grow."



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Board of Education

- Terry Thompson, President
- Shawn Becker, Vice President
- Jennifer Bilinski
- Jeffrey Carmichael
- Karin Dillon
- Michelle Lyon
- Neil Stevens
- Jodie Rusaw, District Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

John Birmingham



VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible to vote on the school budget and election, you must be a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older and a legal resident of the Moravia Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

No prior registration is required. Voter qualifications are mandated in accordance with New York State Education Law.

NOTE: Voting inspectors reserve the right to check the driver's license of any voter to verify residency.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you are unable to appear in person on May 17 you may vote by absentee ballot. To receive an absentee ballot, pick up an application from the District Office and return it at least seven business days before the vote if the ballot is going to be mailed to you, or at least one day before the vote if you will be picking up the ballot in person at the District Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call District Clerk Jodie Rusaw at 315-497-2670 for more information.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 25,143,256	\$26,632,861	\$26,315,362
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$1,489,605	\$1,172,106
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.92%	4.66 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.00%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,690,352	\$8,907,851	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$8,690,352	\$8,907,851	\$8,690,352
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$625,417	\$648,428	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,064,935	\$8,259,423	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$8,064,935	\$8,259,423	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,717,779	\$2,810,925	\$2,804,675
Program Component	\$17,533,442	\$18,090,900	\$17,919,901
Capital Component	\$4,892,035	\$5,731,036	\$5,590,786

If a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year is adopted, all equipment purchases and conference expenses would be eliminated. In addition, the \$100,000 Capital Outlay project would be eliminated.

** 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 three full-size 66 passenger buses.	\$362,100

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: gmscmats@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$443

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Moravia Central School District, Cayuga County, New York, will be held at Moravia HS (North Foyer) school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Moravia HS (North Foyer) school(s), 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.