

Mahopac Central School District



Superintendent's Recommendation

2020-21 Proposed Budget

May 19, 2020

2020-2021 BUDGET GOAL



**Balance the budget while
maintaining student instructional
and extracurricular programs.**

Progress Towards Strategic Roadmap (2018-2022)



- Over 80% budget pass rate of 2019/2020 budget
- Tax Cap compliant budgets
- Passage of Capital Bond
- Identification of Efficiencies
- Hiring highly qualified staff
- Right-sizing
- Favorable contracts
- Restructuring departments
- Effective use of Technology
- Revamp hiring process
- Enhanced mentoring program
- Streamlined APPR Evaluation Process

Progress Towards Strategic Roadmap (2018-2022)



- 9 period day
- Increased dual credit opportunities
- Readers/Writers Workshop Literacy Program
- MS World Language
- K-5 Literacy Coach
- Math Coach
- K-5 STEAM Coach
- Project Lead the Way
- Modified Sports
- MHS Life/MMS Success
- Substance Abuse Certification Course
- PSAT Tests for 10th & 11th
- SAT Prep Course Offering
- MMS Summer Academy
- Director of Guidance
- Expansion of Guidance Programs K-12
- MHS Elective Fair

- K-2 Language & Communication Program
- K-2 Therapeutic Support Program
- MS & HS Flexible Support Programs
- Falls Academy
- High School Academy
- K-8 Response to Intervention Program
- DBT STEPS-A
- Co-Teaching 2.0
- CPI training
- Reduction of students placed out-of-district
- Tuition revenue into PPS programs
- Technology-4-All Chromebook 1:1 initiative
- Migration to a "Google District"
- Instructional technology software expansion
- Network infrastructure and wireless upgrades/expansion
- Automated rostering & single password sign-on

2020-21 Budget Snapshot



BUDGET:

- ◆ Proposed Budget: \$ 125,312,865
- ◆ Budget-to-Budget Increase \$ 2,675,252 (2.18%)

*Rollover budget of \$127,115,581 was decreased by \$1,802,717

TAX LEVY:

- ◆ Projected Tax Levy: \$ 87,968,121
- ◆ Projected Tax Levy Increase: \$ 1,439,450 (1.66%)

(Maximum Allowable Tax Levy is 1.66%)

FUND BALANCE:

- ◆ Projected Use of Fund Balance \$ 3,000,000

RESERVES:

- ◆ Projected Use of Reserves \$ 425,000

2020-21 BUDGET - EXPENDITURES



In accordance with New York State Law, the following breaks down the budget expenditures into the following three functional components:

	2020-2021 Proposed Budget	2019-2020 Approved Budget	Increase / (Decrease)
Administrative	\$ 9,274,686	\$ 9,056,179	\$ 218,507
Program	\$ 103,558,686	\$ 100,906,920	\$ 2,651,766
Capital	\$ 12,479,493	\$ 12,674,514	\$ (195,021)
Total	\$ 125,312,865	\$ 122,637,613	\$ 2,675,252

Administrative Component – administrative salaries/benefits, related office staffing, board of education expenses, legal, auditing, insurance, BOCES admin/capital expenses and data processing costs.

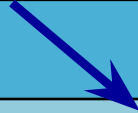
Program Component – instructional salaries/benefits/materials/supplies, guidance, health services, BOCES programs, interscholastic sports, extracurricular programs, and transportation.

Capital Component – facility maintenance/operations, transfer to capital, and debt service payments.

2020-21 BUDGET- REVENUE



Total Revenues	Increase \$	Increase %
\$ 125,312,865	\$ 2,675,252	2.18%



Source	Projected 2020-21	Approved 2019-20	Increase / (Decrease)	
State Aid	\$ 31,573,203	\$ 31,070,193	\$ 503,010	1.62%
Miscellaneous Other	2,346,541	2,616,691	(270,150)	(10.32)
Fund Balance and Reserves	3,425,000	2,422,058	1,002,942	41.41%
Tax Levy	87,968,121	86,528,671	1,439,450	1.66%
Total	\$ 125,312,865	\$ 122,637,613	\$ 2,675,252	2.18%

2020-21 BUDGET - TAX LEVY IMPACT



The following reflects the estimated increase in school taxes under the Proposed Tax Levy:

ASSESSED VALUE	Estimated Tax Increase	
	Tax / Year	Tax / Month
\$ 100,000	\$ 40	\$ 3
\$ 300,000	\$ 116	\$ 10
\$ 500,000	\$ 194	\$ 16

Tax Levy History	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5-year Average
Increase	1.66%	2.10%	.89%	- 0 - %	(.12%)	.91%

THE TAX LEVY CAP BOTTOM LINE



- ❑ **Current Tax Levy Cap 1.66%**
(Requires 50% approval –Simple Majority)
- ❑ **Reduced from 2.96% to 2.51% as “Senator Harckham Wins Aid Forgiveness for Mahopac Schools” which increases building aid by \$450,000.**
- ❑ **A further reduction from 2.51% to 2.15% was realized due to current interest rates and reducing the amount of borrowing for the Early Phase of the Capital Project approved by the voters last year.**
- ❑ **An additional \$425,000 was allocated from the Debt Service Reserve Fund to reduce the tax levy from 2.15% to 1.66%.**

FUND BALANCE AND RESERVES



- The 2020-2021 increases the budgeted use of Fund Balance and reserves by 41% or \$1,182,942.
- The 2020-2021 increases the budgeted use of Fund Balance from \$ 2,242,058 to \$3,000,000 an increase of \$757,942.
- The 2020-2021 budget includes a transfer from reserve funds of \$425,000.

STATE AID UPDATE



- Governor Cuomo may reduce State Aid on April 30th, June 30th, December 31st, and March 31, 2021. Governor Cuomo did not reduce state aid for April 30th. He is currently relying on the passage of a Federal Stimulus bill to compensate for state revenue shortfall. If NYS does not receive Federal Stimulus funding additional budget cuts will be necessary.
- NYS Comptroller reported that the state's revenues as of the April 30th measurement period are 14% below expectations.
- It has been suggested that this could result in a reduction in school funding by as much as 20%!!

A 20% reduction in State Aid would result in a loss of approximately \$4M to Mahopac Schools!

LONG RANGE PLANNING REQUIRED



- ❑ **The pandemic will likely result in an economy worse than the Great Recession in 2008.**
- ❑ **This is a multi-year problem that requires a multi year approach.**
- ❑ **We cannot increase our reliance on one shot revenues. Use of Fund Balance is similar to the use of a one shot revenue source.**
- ❑ **Commitment of Fund Balance and Reserves mean that each year the budget starts with a deficit, as next year we must budget the same amount to offset the ordinary increase to annual expenses, such as salaries, utilities, health and other benefits, if other revenues do not increase.**
- ❑ **Current Fund Balance \$4.9 million. 2020-21 budgeted use of Fund Balance \$3.0 million.**
- ❑ **If we do not replenish the fund balance with surplus, \$3.0 million will not be available for the 2021-2022 budget.**

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS



The School District does not assess property values.

The town assessor addresses this issue in a Public Notice which can be viewed at:

https://www.ci.carmel.ny.us/sites/carmelny/files/news/assessor_public_notice_5-13-2020.pdf

An extract from the notice explains:

“The Town of Carmel Assessor’s office recently sent the annual NYS required mailings showing your change in property assessment, which shows your current market value.”

“An increase in your assessment does not necessarily mean that your future property taxes will increase. Exemptions and new construction have been added in to this year’s roll which increases the number of parcels over which to spread the bill.”

2020-21 Budget – Contingency Budget



Should the 2020-21 Proposed Budget be defeated on June 9, the Board of Education MUST adopt a Contingent Budget.

**Under a Contingency Budget, the
2020-21 Proposed Budget will be
reduced by \$1,439,450**

**This level of budget reductions would have
a significant negative impact on academics,
arts, athletic programs and community use
of facilities.**

2020-21 Budget Vote – Proposition



Proposition 1: 2020-21 Budget

“Shall the Board of Education of the Mahopac Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$125,312,865 for the 2020-21 school year for school purposes and levy the necessary tax?”

2020-21 Budget



June 9, 2020

Mahopac High School By Absentee Ballot Only

- ✓ **2020-21 Budget Vote**
- ✓ **School Board Elections**

