

Middleburgh

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Budget NEWSLETTER

2022-2023

Voters to consider \$23.8 million budget proposal

On Tuesday, May 17, Middleburgh Central School District residents will be asked to consider a \$23,811,377 budget for the 2022-23 school year. This proposed budget increases spending by 3.88 percent, or \$889,137 from the current year, and includes a tax levy increase of \$50,270 or 0.5 percent. Since the tax levy increase—the total amount of money to be raised through property taxes—is less

than the district's maximum allowable levy limit of 2.31 percent, the proposed budget needs a simple majority vote to be approved.

State Aid

As part of the enacted state budget, there was an increase in state education aid for the 2022-23 school year. Foundation Aid, which is the primary source for general purpose operating aid,

will be fully phased in over three years. Under the new funding formula, Middleburgh Central School District is expecting a Foundation Aid increase of three percent each year through 2024.

Fund Balance Use

Middleburgh is using \$647,085 of fund balance to balance the budget.



Tuesday, May 17, 2022
12PM-9PM

Jr. / Sr. High School Gym Lobby

NOTE: All absentee ballots must be received by the district by 5 PM on May 17.



A Message from the Superintendent

Dear MCS Community,

I am so very pleased to report that teaching and learning in both the Jr. / Sr. High School and the Elementary schools has returned to the age-old routines and norms of traditional education. Students of all ages are enjoying the ebb and flow of their school days with their friends and peers in a setting with attentive and caring teachers and staff members. We have all been focusing on reestablishing relationships with one another and reconnecting to the fun and excitement of lessons, lunchtime, recess, and extracurricular activities.

In order to best provide our students with the support needed to recover from the significant interruption to our educational program over the past two years, we have invested our COVID relief monies into a districtwide effort to provide our students help in rebuilding academic and social skills. We have worked together across the district to implement an

advisory program in the Jr. / Sr. HS, a skill building intervention period in the elementary, and after school tutoring upon request for anyone in need. These programs will continue into the 2022-2023 school year with revisions to improve scheduling and access to electives. This plan, coupled with our strong commitment to achieving our District Goals, has us well positioned to support stronger academic performance and more social-emotional growth and recovery. It is our intention that our students will be fully prepared to pursue their interests, dreams and passions with the skills needed for success over time.

I would like to thank our school community for supporting the district in its efforts to best serve our students as we emerge from a difficult and trying time. I am so very excited about our prospects for a great 2022-2023.

Brian P. Dunn
Superintendent of Schools



Team building and community outreach activity. MCS Advisories created #MiddleburghScarecrows to display for the Fall Festival. Check out more pictures on Instagram.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-23
\$23,811,377

PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE
0.5%

PROPOSED SPENDING INCREASE
\$889,137 or 3.88%

BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE
Two seats are available for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2025.
Candidates appearing on the ballot:
Sean Lawton
Debra Bechtold
Vicki Hoerz

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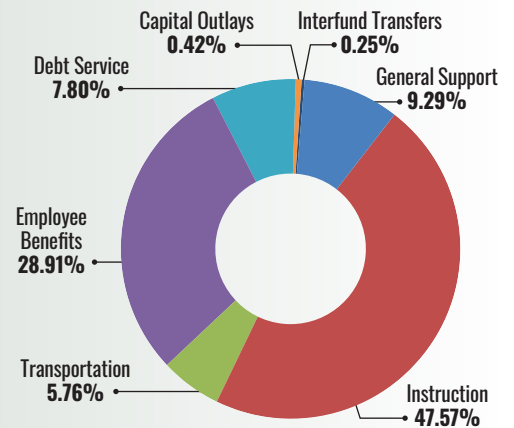
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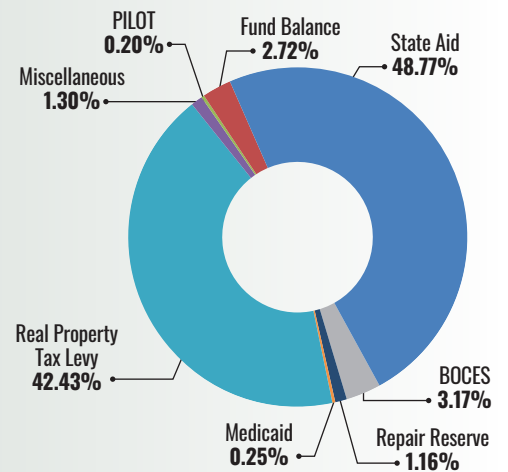
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For more information: middleburghcsd.org

Expenditures Summary	2021-22	2022-23	\$ Change	% Change
Support	\$2,075,862	\$2,211,799	\$135,937	6.54%
Instruction	\$10,655,667	\$11,327,040	\$671,373	6.29%
Pupil Transportation	\$1,264,329	\$1,371,000	\$106,671	8.43%
Employee Benefits	\$6,848,892	\$6,883,893	\$35,001	0.51%
Debt Service	\$1,917,490	\$1,857,645	(\$59,845)	-3.07%
Capital Outlays	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0%
Interfund Transfers	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0%
Total	\$22,922,240	\$23,811,377	\$889,137	3.88%



Revenues Summary	2021-22	2022-23	\$ Change	% Change
State Aid	\$11,449,281	\$11,613,186	\$163,905	1.43%
Tax Levy	\$10,053,929	\$10,104,199	\$50,270	0.05%
Fund Balance	\$365,823	\$646,815	\$280,992	76.81%
PILOT	\$7,197	\$46,546	\$39,349	546.74%
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	\$311,000	\$311,000	\$0	0%
Medicaid	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0%
BOCES	\$675,010	\$754,631	\$79,621	11.79%
Repair Reserve	\$0	\$275,000	\$275,000	0%
Revenue in Budget	\$22,922,240	\$23,811,377	\$889,137	3.88%



Teachers and staff created this interactive display in the lobby area of the ES. Students look forward to checking out the daily I SPY challenge next to the magnifying glass. One student explains it on our MCS Communications YouTube page.



MCS students made ceramic poppies to honor the fallen. For the weekend of Memorial Day this year, there will be **no school from Friday, May 27 to Monday May 30.**



BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION

Aside from the budget and board vote on May 17, Middleburgh residents will decide on a proposition for the anticipated purchase of three school buses in an amount not to exceed \$328,541 as part of the district's ongoing bus replacement plan. The 1-65 passenger, 1-48 passenger, and 1-30 passenger (wheelchair accessible) buses will be funded by \$258,234 (78.60%) from State Aid and \$70,307 (21.40%) from Local Share paid over a five-year period. The amount per year, per taxpayer is approximately five dollars. Safe, reliable transportation is a top priority for our district. **Read more information about the May 17 propositions on middleburghcsd.org**



Squad 7 earned their place at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Iowa on May 25. Good luck!

School District Budget Notice



Tuesday, May 17, 2022

VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Eligibility

By law, all voters must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, and residents of the Middleburgh School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote. Voters must have a valid I.D.

Absentee Ballots

Qualified voters who will be out of town or unable to vote in person due to illness, disability, or the risk of transmission of COVID-19 can vote by absentee ballot. **You must complete an application to receive a ballot.**

Applications for absentee ballots can be found on our website. You can also contact District Clerk Kim Lawyer to request an absentee ballot application. If a voter requests an application by mail, it must be received by the District Clerk at least **seven days before the election.**

If the voter is going to pick up the absentee ballot in person in the district office, the application must be received by **the day before the election.** All absentee ballots are due to the district by 5PM on the day of the vote.

Questions?

We have a list of frequently asked questions on the district website or call District Clerk Kim Lawyer at **518-827-3625.**

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$22,922,240	\$23,811,377	\$23,606,742
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$889,137	\$694,502
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.88%	3.029%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,053,929	\$10,104,199	
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)	\$10,053,929	\$10,104,199	\$10,053,929
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,230,844	\$10,285,922	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$10,053,929	\$10,104,199	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$176,915	\$181,723	
Administrative Component	\$2,134,055	\$2,373,942	\$239,887
Program Component	\$17,220,772	\$17,758,411	\$537,639
Capital Component	\$3,567,413	\$3,679,024	\$111,611

* If voters do not approve the proposed 2022-23 budget within 2 attempts, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget, which limits the property tax levy increase to zero percent with no exclusions. As a result, the Board would be required to reduce the budget by \$204,635 to \$23,606,742. In this event, the district would be subject to restrictions and limitations in areas where money can be spent. For example, the purchase of new equipment would not be permitted and there would be mandated charges for the use of school facilities by outside organizations (Section 2023 Education Law).

** 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
Bus Purchase 3 total	\$328,541

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹
\$614

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Middleburgh Central School District, Schoharie County, New York, will be held at Middleburgh Jr. / Sr. High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the gymnasium lobby, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. School districts are required by New York State law to mail this information to all households within the district. If you would like more information about the budget, please call the superintendent's office at (518) 827-3625 or visit the district website at middleburghcsd.org

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

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET SUMMARY

New York state law requires school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories—program, administrative and capital—and compare them to the previous year's costs. Middleburgh's three-part budget breaks down as follows:

Program	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	\$17,220,772	\$17,758,411
74.58% of Proposed Budget		

Includes salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff who deliver pupil services (guidance, health, library/media etc.), textbooks, equipment, co-curricular activities, athletics and transportation costs.

Administration	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	\$2,134,055	\$2,373,942
9.97% of Proposed Budget		

Includes the salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors, and administrative clerical staff, public information, printing, curriculum and staff development, school board costs, general insurance and professional fees.

Capital	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	\$3,567,413	\$3,679,024
15.45% of Proposed Budget		

Includes salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, debt service on buildings and school bus purchases, utilities, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pamela Standhart, *President*
Becky Binder, *Vice President*
Debra Bechtold
Scott VanKuren
Vicki Hoerz

DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Superintendent of Schools: Brian P. Dunn
School Business Administrator: Francis Rielly

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Elementary School: Amy Irwin
Jr. / Sr. High School: Matthew Sloane
Pupil Services: Jennifer Bellen

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Second in state, varsity girls bowled with a vengeance

The Middleburgh varsity bowling team continued their hot streak and took second place at the state championship. Going up against the best teams in all 11 sections of the state, these scholar athletes, led by Coach Rich Shultes, were undefeated, won sectionals and swept all the Class B schools. For two years, they were denied a trip to states due to the pandemic, but this year they headed out in style with a parade led by local fire companies and police. An outpouring of community supporters gathered along Main Street to cheer them on as they left for the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship. The Lady Knights bowlers are being recognized with a resolution during session in the NY Senate and Assembly. The team presented a citation they received from Assemblyman Chris Tague along with their trophy from states to the Board of Education during their April 13 meeting.