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Residents to Vote May 16 on \$11,812,547 Budget

On Wednesday, April 12, 2017, the Margaretville Central School Board of Education adopted a 2017-18 spending plan in the amount of \$11,812,547. The spending plan calls for an increase of 3.27% (\$374,032) over the 2016-17 budget. The 2017-18 spending plan also supports an anticipated property tax levy increase of 2.00% as determined by the NYS Office of the Comptroller. This spending plan authorizes the use of \$470,814.00 of fund balance and reserves to offset increases in costs.



Budget Vote Set for May 16, 2017

WHAT:	2017-18 Budget Vote	WHERE:	MCS School Cafeteria
WHEN:	Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 2:00-8:00 p.m.	WHO:	All Eligible Voters in the Margaretville School District

From the Superintendent

This newsletter contains information which you need to know to help you understand the budget we are putting before you. A great deal of time was spent on developing this budget by the Board of Education, members on the Finance Committee, our Treasurer Teresa Goodchild, our Business Manager Greg Beall, and me. I would like to share with you the highlights of the budget. The budget has three parts: Administrative, Program and Capital. There is an increase in the overall spending side of the budget of 3.27% which is an increase of \$374,032. Our total budget is \$11,812,547.

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The date of the budget vote is May 16, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The continued financial crisis has created shortcomings that stretch the capacity of individual and family budgets. Like families and businesses, public schools are not exempt from these ongoing challenges as they piece together spending plans to support the academic programs of their students.

At Margaretville, your Board of Education is fully aware of the financial stresses faced by the residents of our District. Sound financial planning in previous years

has positioned the District well in addressing the continued challenges posed by the on-going fiscal crisis. The Board charged the administration with developing a budget that capped proposed increases in the tax levy under the allowed 3.14% (the legally allowed amount for a simple majority vote based on the State's 8-eight step formula). We have met that challenge with an anticipated levy of 2.00%.

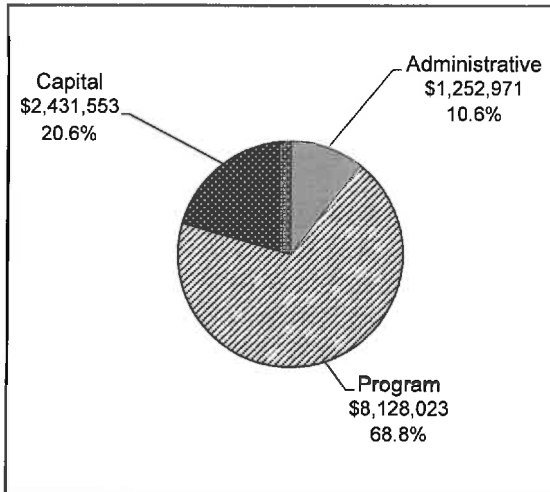
After months of exhausting and careful analysis of every facet of our budget, the Board accepted a spending plan that allowed for an increase in expenditures by only 3.27% due in large part to our building project, and other related costs of health care and special education costs. The budget increase translates into an anticipated increased tax levy of 2.00%. The Budget Advisory Committee has proposed a tax-levy increase that meets the amount legally allowed to request under a simple majority budget vote.

An ongoing Board of Education goal is to update our aging facility and place state-of-the-art technology in our children's hands. The Margaretville Central School is a community asset and the continued need for repairs was not lost in the budget planning process. The beginning of our building project costs are included in this school year's budget. As we plan forward,

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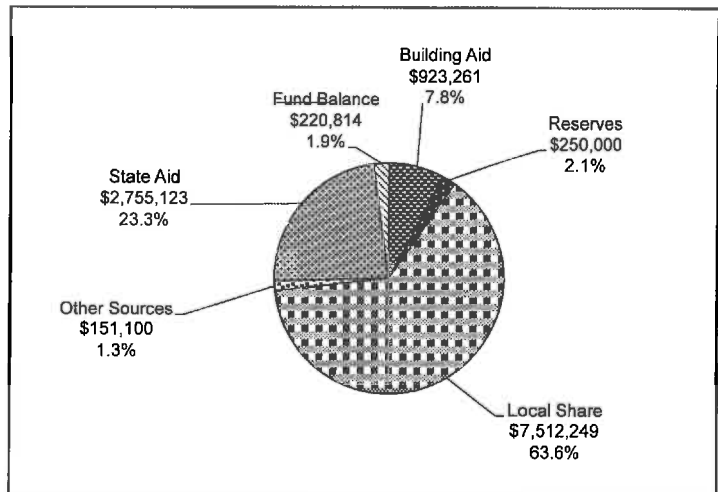
A LOOK AT THE MCS BUDGET BREAKDOWN

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES



Total: \$11,812,547

REVENUE SOURCES



Total: \$11,812,547

Superintendent Message, cont.

we are looking to upgrade our technology infrastructure with additional access points. This fall, we are also continuing to look at providing our children the newest technologies as they plan for the future.

As you review the budget, do not be alarmed by large or small percentage increases on individual lines. For example, in the **Administrative Budget** under the Total Business Office, you will find an increase of 11.85% or \$9,822. In closing, the Total Finance line was increased by 6.50% or \$10,460 due to the mandated TRS and ERS retirement contributions, Social Security, Medical and Dental Insurance, and our Audit and State Aid Planning service costs.

In the **Program Budget** under Total Teacher Regular School an increase of \$159,672 or 6.90%. These increases are in part due to salaries for our faculty and support staff, speech services, distance learning course opportunities and staff development.

In the **Capital Budget** there was an increase of \$260,647 or 12.01% due to our building project payment and our ongoing efforts in the maintenance of the facility.

You will see in this newsletter the budget proposal and one proposition we are asking you to approve. Additionally, there is one seat on the Board of Education up for re-election. This is a three-year term ending June 30, 2020.

As your Board, we understand the importance of balancing the financial needs of the taxpayers with the need to provide a safe and sound learning envi-

ronment for our children. We feel this budget meets those needs.

Sincerely,
 Your Board of Education,
*Terry Johnson, Kathryn VanBenschoten,
 Doris Warner, Agnes Laub, and Mike Boice*

Please contact me at (845) 586-2647, extension 11 or rchakar@margaretvillecs.org

Thank you,
Robert L. Chakar, Jr., Ed.D.
 Superintendent



Board of Education Seats

There is one position available on the Board of Education to fill the expired term of Doris Warner. The District has received a petition from Mrs. Warner for re-election.

Bus Vote

The Board is also seeking permission from the voters to purchase three (3) school buses in the amount of \$160,000.

Summary of Expenditures For MCS District

Education Law requires that school districts present their budget to the public in three parts: Program, Administrative and Capital. The following financial data provides a comparison of the various categories for the 2017-18 proposed budget and the 2016-17 budget in each of the three areas.

CATEGORY	ACTUAL BUDGET 2016-17	PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-18	CHANGE IN SPENDING	PERCENT CHANGE
ADMINISTRATIVE				
Board of Education	\$ 10,124	\$ 12,249	\$ 2,125	20.99%
Central Administration	\$ 146,605	\$ 150,133	\$ 3,528	2.41%
Finance	\$ 160,936	\$ 171,396	\$ 10,460	6.50%
Legal Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	0.00%
Staff	\$ 20,976	\$ 21,476	\$ 500	2.38%
Public Information	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	0.00%
Central Services	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 0	0.00%
Special Items	\$ 235,106	\$ 248,124	\$ 13,018	5.54%
Curriculum, Supervision & Improvement	\$ 138,848	\$ 139,720	\$ 872	0.63%
Research, Planning & Evaluation	\$ 61,669	\$ 65,214	\$ 3,545	5.75%
Inservice Training & Instruction	\$ 43,350	\$ 48,350	\$ 5,000	11.53%
Benefits	\$ 356,009	\$ 356,009	\$ 0	0.00%
Total — Administrative	\$ 1,213,923	\$ 1,252,971	\$ 39,048	3.22%

CAPITAL

Operation	\$ 562,244	\$ 523,141	\$ (39,103)	-6.95%
Maintenance	\$ 53,400	\$ 53,400	\$ 0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 250,563	\$ 250,563	\$ 0	0.00%
Debt Service	\$ 1,304,699	\$ 1,604,449	\$ 299,750	22.97%
Total — Capital	\$ 2,170,906	\$ 2,431,553	\$ 260,647	12.01%

PROGRAM

Teaching (Regular School)	\$ 2,314,908	\$ 2,474,580	\$ 159,672	6.90%
Special Education Program	\$ 1,079,938	\$ 947,707	\$ (132,231)	-12.24%
Occupational Education (CTE)	\$ 243,536	\$ 250,446	\$ 6,910	2.84%
Teaching Special Schools	\$ 125,834	\$ 129,572	\$ 3,738	2.97%
Instructional Media	\$ 384,262	\$ 403,904	\$ 19,642	5.11%
Pupil Personnel Services	\$ 470,115	\$ 476,637	\$ 6,522	1.39%
Pupil Transportation	\$ 424,134	\$ 431,218	\$ 7,084	1.67%
Community Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,926,751	\$ 2,926,751	\$ 0	0.00%
Interfund Transfers	\$ 76,208	\$ 79,208	\$ 3,000	3.94%
Total — Program	\$ 8,053,686	\$ 8,128,023	\$ 74,337	0.92%

TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 11,438,515	\$ 11,812,547	\$ 374,032	3.27%
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Estimated Tax Levy Increase	2.00%
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Mission Statement

Margaretville Central School will develop capable individuals and critical thinkers instilled with positive self-esteem, creativity and a life-long desire for learning. To assure our school's atmosphere for growth and achievement, we will foster a challenging educational environment, supported by a dedicated staff, and the cooperation of family, peers and community.

Congratulations to All Our OVA students!

A group of 6th-12th Grade students went to NYSATA's 35th Annual Olympics of Visual Arts in Saratoga Springs.

Students presented their projects that they have been working on all year and competed in on-the-spot challenges; they were judged on both and given a composite score . . . we are thrilled to announce that MCS teams won the following:

- Elementary Photography—2nd place
- Middle School Fashion Design—3rd Place
- Middle School Illustration—3rd Place
- High School Fashion Design—3rd Place
- High School Illustration—3rd Place
- High School Industrial Design—2nd Place and Most Creative Overall (Judges' Choice)



Please give our kids a congrats when you see them!