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MAYFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BUDGET VOTE 2023-24

**Tuesday, May 16**

Polls open 12 noon to 8 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High School Gym Lobby

**Proposed budget  
\$21,170,058**

**Increase from 2022-23 budget  
\$533,629 / 2.59%**

**Tax Levy Increase  
\$190,794/ 2.30%**

## PUBLIC HEARING

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TOP: Junior Cloey Dopp made Mayfield history when she became one of just five young women athletes to score 1,000 points on the basketball court.

BOTTOM: The Mayfield Drama Club presented *James and the Giant Peach*, providing wonderful entertainment for our community and offering students an opportunity for creative expression and soft skills building.

AT RIGHT: The popular Lego Club is just one of our growing after-school clubs and activities that was created with American Rescue Plan funds and will continue in the future.

## Budget vote set for May 16 *Proposed budget stays below state “tax cap”*

Residents of the Mayfield Central School District will go to the polls Tuesday, May 16, to vote on a proposed \$21,170,058 school budget for 2023-24.

The proposed budget keeps the tax levy increase to 2.30%, which is lower than the district's allowable limit as calculated under the state's "tax cap" formula.

The MCSD Board of Education and administration have worked collaboratively to formulate a spending plan that continues its focus on improving academic achievement, while being respectful of our community residents in these challenging economic times.

"As our community members know first hand, the cost of just about every necessity—from gas to groceries—has increased due to inflation. While this is also true for our school district, we have worked to put forward a responsible budget that contains costs and provides the essentials to both educate and enrich the lives of our students. This is a budget designed to support *all* of our learners," said Superintendent Christopher Harper.

The proposed budget would increase September school tax bills by approximately \$57.64, or \$4.80 per month, for the average homeowner with a \$100,000 tax assessment.

The Board of Education unanimously approved the proposed budget on April 4.



Community voting will take place from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, in the Gym Lobby at the Jr./Sr. High School, 27 School St., Mayfield.

### Details of the budget:

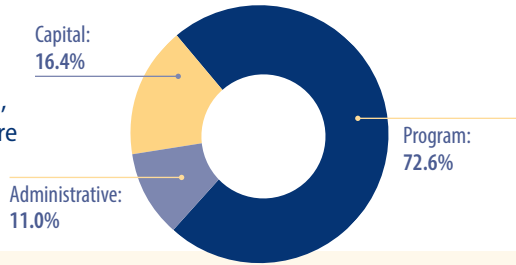
For the third consecutive year, the budget includes \$100,000 for a Capital Outlay Project for which the district will be reimbursed approximately 81.4% through State Building Aid. This year's project focuses on renovating the Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium floor and making needed repairs and updates in that space.

The budget also includes \$35,000 for security upgrades, which remains a priority for MCSD and has been a part of its last three budgets. This will allow for the purchase and installation of additional security cameras and the addition of security systems to entrances that do not

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## Three-Part Budget: 2023-2024

New York state school districts are required to present their budgets in three expenditure categories—program, administrative and capital—and compare them to current year's amounts.



THREE-PART BUDGET	BUDGETED 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24	\$ CHANGE '22-23 TO '23-24	% OF BUDGET
Administrative	\$2,165,337	\$2,323,995	\$158,658	11%
Program	\$15,212,630	\$15,368,800	\$156,170	72.6%
Capital	\$3,258,462	\$3,477,263	\$218,801	16.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,636,429</b>	<b>\$21,170,058</b>	<b>\$533,629</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## What will I see on the ballot?

### ➤ PROPOSITION NO. 1 2023-24 Budget Consideration

Residents will vote on the proposed 2023-24 district budget totaling \$21,170,058.

### ➤ PROPOSITION NO. 2 Bus Purchase

Residents will be asked to consider the purchase of two (2) 66-passenger buses for approximately \$312,000. This will be paid for from Reserves and will have no impact on the 2023-24 tax levy. The district is eligible for roughly 80% reimbursement for these vehicle purchases through state school transportation aid.

### ➤ PROPOSITION NO. 3 Grounds Maintenance Equipment Purchase

Residents will be asked to consider the purchase of a Ventrac combination tractor/mower/snow blower for use in grounds maintenance for \$53,000. This will be paid from Reserves with no impact on the 2023-24 tax levy.

### ➤ PROPOSITION NO. 4 District Bus Garage Upgrade

Residents will be asked to consider the use of \$34,000 to refurbish an existing bus wash station at the district's bus garage. This will be paid for from Reserves and will have no impact on the 2023-24 tax levy.

### ➤ BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

One five-year term on the Mayfield Central School District Board of Education is up for election this year. The five-year seat, presently occupied by Vanessa DiNitto, will become vacant as of June 30, 2023. The three candidates, in the order they will appear on the ballot, are:

-  Vanessa DiNitto
-  Daniel Sardelli
-  Diane LaVada-Blackwood

The candidates are invited to share their views and take questions at the public hearing set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the library at the Jr./Sr. High School.

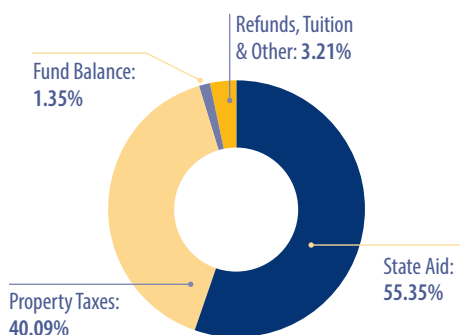
## PROJECTED REVENUES *Where the money comes from...*

REVENUES	BUDGETED 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24	\$ CHANGE '22-23 to '23-24	% OF REVENUE
State Aid	\$11,733,641	\$11,718,516	(\$15,125)	55.35%
Property Taxes	\$8,295,381	\$8,486,175	\$190,794	40.09%
Refunds, Tuition & Other	\$451,000	\$679,100	\$228,100	3.21%
Fund Balance	\$156,407	\$286,267	\$129,860	1.35%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,636,429</b>	<b>\$21,170,058</b>	<b>\$533,629</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

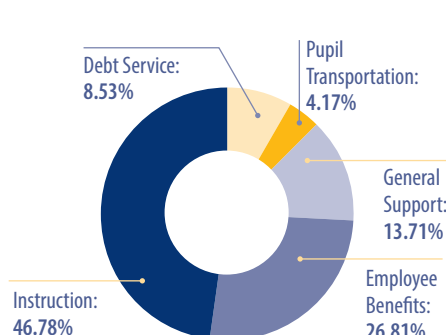
## PROJECTED EXPENDITURES *...and where it is spent*

EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24	\$ CHANGE '22-23 to '23-24	% OF EXPENSES
Instruction	\$10,085,910	\$9,903,495	(\$182,415)	46.78%
Employee Benefits	\$5,408,923	\$5,676,519	\$267,596	26.81%
General Support	\$2,773,720	\$2,901,860	\$128,140	13.71%
Pupil Transportation	\$792,613	\$882,334	\$89,721	4.17%
Debt Service	\$1,575,263	\$1,805,850	\$230,587	8.53%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$20,636,429</b>	<b>\$21,170,058</b>	<b>\$533,629</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### REVENUES



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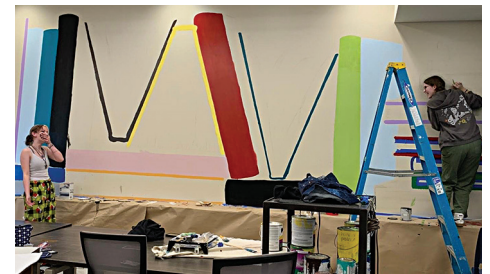


**Budget Proposal** *continued from page 1*

currently have them.

In addition to voting on the 2023-24 school budget, the community will also consider:

- Allowing the district to purchase two 66-passenger buses for approximately \$312,000. This will be paid for from Reserves and will have no impact on the 2023-24 tax levy.
  - Allowing the district to purchase a multi-use Ventrac tractor for use in grounds maintenance for \$53,000. This tractor can be adapted for use as a mower and snowblower, as well. This will also be paid from Reserves with no impact on the 2023-24 tax levy.
  - Allocating \$34,000 to refurbish an existing bus wash station at the district's bus garage. This will be paid for from Reserves and will have no impact on the 2023-24 tax levy.
  - Electing one Board of Education member to a five-year term, which will begin July 1, 2023.
- The 2023-24 budget preserves all current academic programs and positions and adds:
- A full-time licensed practical nurse, who will share their time between the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School. This was a temporary position created with American Rescue Plan funds, which will now be made permanent.
  - A full-time English Language Arts teacher for our high school programs. Also, a temporary position created with American Rescue Plan funds, which will now be made permanent.
  - A full-time social studies teacher for our high school programs. This was a position created with American Rescue Plan funds and will now be funded with general fund monies.
  - A full-time instructor to coordinate the district's Project Lead the Way initiatives, designed to help



our learners build the skills and knowledge needed for success in today's world and workforce. Also a position created with American Rescue Plan funds and will now be funded with general fund monies.

- Allocated funds to allow for 10+ additional slots in HFM BOCES Career & Technical Education (CTE) and PTECH programs.
- In addition to the 12:1:1 Special Education program added in 2022-23, the district is planning for the addition of a second such classroom. This aligns with the district's goal of having all students learn in the least restrictive educational environments. It also creates cost savings for our community by utilizing our instructors and classrooms and not relying on outside programs and providers.

Additionally, the district chose to reclassify \$610,000 in American Rescue Plan funding from 2022-23 that will now be used in 2023-24 to

maintain temporary positions for one more year. This allows us to continue our efforts to address learning loss and social-emotional behaviors and to ultimately close the gaps created from the COVID-19 pandemic. Positions include:

- A behavior specialist, special education teachers (2), co-teachers (3), teacher aides (3), direct academic instructors (2), and building substitutes (2).
- An instructional coordinator position created through a partnership with HFM BOCES and with Target District/Comprehensive Support and Improvement School grant funds. The instructional coordinator provides support for curriculum development and professional learning for our educators. The coordinator's efforts have helped eliminate the district's "in need of improvement" status and will keep Mayfield on the path of providing greater learning and opportunities for our students.



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## VOTER INFORMATION

### Voter eligibility

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