



BUDGET VOTE 2024-25

Tuesday, May 21

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

Proposed budget
\$22,489,083

Increase from 2023-24 budget
\$1,319,025/6.23%*

Tax levy increase
\$203,668/2.40%

PUBLIC HEARING

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in the Jr./Sr. High School Library



TOP: Elementary students excited to begin a new school year.

BOTTOM: Students in Jeremy Lebediker's Advanced Studio Art class work on pieces for the Memory Project, an organization that provides special memories to children around the world who face tough challenges.

AT RIGHT: The top finishers from the elementary girls Turkey Trot are congratulated by gym teacher Maris Logan.

*Reflects borrowing for the Capital Project. Fund balance will be used to cover a one-time increase in debt service payments of approximately \$539,000.

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Mayfield

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community to vote on proposed budget May 21

Budget stays below state "tax cap" while adding programming and staff

Mayfield Central School District residents will go to the polls Tuesday, May 21, to vote on a proposed \$22,489,083 school budget for the 2024-25 school year.

The proposed budget keeps the tax levy increase to 2.40%, which is lower than the district's allowable limit as calculated under the state's "tax cap" formula. Because the proposed tax levy increase is below the cap, the proposed budget will only require a simple majority vote for approval.

The MCSD Board of Education and administrative team have developed a plan that keeps the districts focus on the students by providing additional opportunities for academic success, and at the same time adopting a responsible budget.

"The district has given careful consideration to all expenditures, ensuring that we are mindful of the financial concerns of taxpayers, while expanding on our educational programming and supporting *all* students in their learning endeavors," said Superintendent Christopher Harper.

The proposed budget would increase September school tax bills by approximately \$61.20, or \$5.10 per month, for the average homeowner with a \$100,000 tax assessment.

The Board of Education unanimously approved the proposed budget on April 9.



Community voting will take place from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, in the Gym Lobby at the Jr./Sr. High School, 27 School St., Mayfield.

Details of the budget:

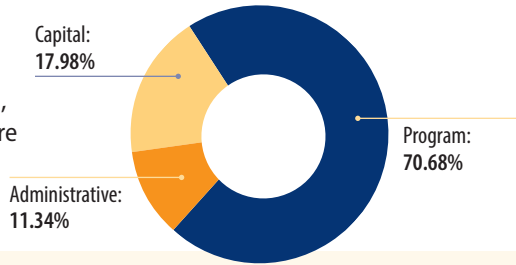
The budget again includes \$100,000 for a Capital Outlay Project, with this year's project focused on upgrading the elementary school outdoor lighting. By setting aside money and designating it for use as a Capital Outlay Project, the district will be reimbursed approximately 81.4% through state building aid. This means the district will pay essentially \$20,000 for \$100,000 worth of improvements.

As a continued priority for the MCSD, the budget also includes \$35,000 for security upgrades. The 2024-25 specific area upgrades have not been determined, but the district is in the process of working with outside security companies to identify and prioritize the greatest areas of need.

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Three-Part Budget: 2024-25

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 2023-24	PROPOSED 2024-25	\$ CHANGE '23-24 TO '24-25	% OF BUDGET
Administrative	\$2,323,995	\$2,550,627	\$226,632	11.34%
Program	\$15,368,800	\$15,895,472	\$526,672	70.68%
Capital	\$3,477,263	\$4,042,984	\$565,721	17.98%
TOTAL	\$21,170,058	\$22,489,083	\$1,319,025	100.0%

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

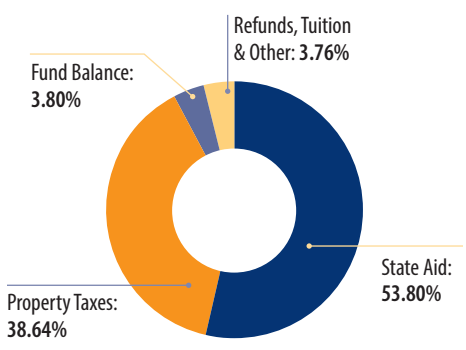
REVENUES	BUDGETED 2023-24	PROPOSED 2024-25	\$ CHANGE '23-24 to '24-25	% OF REVENUE
State Aid	\$11,718,516	\$12,100,185	\$381,669	53.80%
Property Taxes	\$8,486,175	\$8,689,843	\$203,668	38.64%
Refunds, Tuition & Other	\$679,100	\$845,200	\$166,100	3.76%
Fund Balance	\$286,267	\$853,855	\$567,588*	3.80%
Total Revenue	\$21,170,058	\$22,489,083	\$1,319,025	100.0%

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

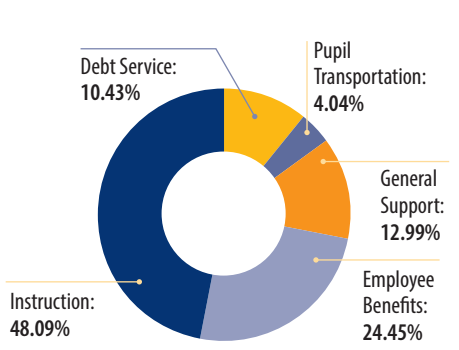
EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED 2023-24	PROPOSED 2024-25	\$ CHANGE '23-24 to '24-25	% OF EXPENSES
Instruction	\$9,903,495	\$10,815,165	\$911,670	48.09%
Employee Benefits	\$5,676,519	\$5,497,932	(\$178,587)	24.45%
General Support	\$2,901,860	\$2,922,449	\$20,589	12.99%
Pupil Transportation	\$882,334	\$908,690	\$26,356	4.04%
Debt Service	\$1,805,850	\$2,344,847	\$538,997*	10.43%
Total Expenditures	\$21,170,058	\$22,489,083	\$1,319,025	100.0%

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REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



What will I see on the ballot?

- **PROPOSITION NO. 1**
2024-25 Budget Consideration
 Residents will vote on the proposed 2024-25 district budget totaling **\$22,489,083**.
- **PROPOSITION NO. 2**
Bus Purchase
 Residents will be asked to consider the purchase of two (2) 66-passenger buses.
- **PROPOSITION NO. 3**
Re-establish Bus Purchase Reserve
 The current reserve expires May 2025. Residents will be asked to consider re-establishing the Bus Purchase Reserve for another 10 years.
- **PROPOSITION NO. 4**
Re-establish Capital Reserve
 The current reserve expires May 2024. Residents will be asked to consider re-establishing the Capital Reserve for another 10 years.
- **PROPOSITION NO. 5**
Establish a Technology Reserve
 Residents will be asked to consider establishing a Technology Reserve for a 10-year term.
- **PROPOSITION NO. 6**
Purchase of a Dump Truck and Sander
 Residents will be asked to consider the purchase of a dump truck and sander for grounds maintenance.
- **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 Emory Chase, will become vacant as of June 30, 2024. The candidate that will appear on the ballot:

 - **Courtney Scalise**

The candidate is invited to share their views and take questions at the public hearing set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, in the library at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Budget Proposal *continued from page 1*

The 2024-25 budget adds the following programs and positions:

- An assistant principal. This position will be specifically dedicated to the elementary school. Historically Mayfield has shared an assistant principal between both buildings. By having an assistant principal in each building we can more efficiently address issues and resolve them in a timely manner.
- A social worker. This position will be specifically dedicated to the elementary school. Historically Mayfield has shared a social worker between both buildings. By having a social worker in each building we can better address the social emotional well-being of our students.
- Teaching assistants. These positions will be added district wide. These positions are needed to combat the national shortage in the education field. Teaching assistants are here to support both our teachers and students.
- Teacher aides to accompany drivers on the elementary after-school buses. We will be using current teacher aides on bus routes on an as needed basis to support our bus drivers and elementary aged students in an environment that would benefit from increased supervision.
- Adding a second distance learning room. The distance learning program increases our course offerings and learning opportunities for students. Adding a second room will continue to improve on the resources available for our learners. Renovations will begin in late spring, with classes to begin in the 2024-25 school year.
- Upgrade/addition of HUDL Cameras to the Rovito Gymnasium and soccer fields. This new system has added features such as: a portable outdoor camera; statistical breakdowns of games; auto share of videos to all schools that use HUDL; and free



access to community members via a HUDL webpage. Most WAC division schools are migrating to this system.

The following positions were created with American Rescue Plan funding and will now be made permanent and funded with general fund monies:

- A second security guard position. Security has remained a focus of our district, with a security guard at each building beginning in the 2023-24 school year. By making this second position permanent, we are better prepared in keeping our schools safe.
- An instructional coordinator position created through a partnership with HFM BOCES. The instructional coordinator provides support for curriculum development and professional learning for our educators. This position will be focused on supporting elementary level math curriculum.
- Elementary building substitute. This position will be a permanent “floater” within the elementary school to cover classes as needed, this creates consistency for our students and teachers.

In addition to voting on the 2024-25 school budget, the community will also consider:

- Allowing the district to purchase two (2) 66-passenger buses for approximately \$330,000. This will be paid from the Bus Purchase Reserve and will have no impact on the 2024-25 tax levy. The district is eligible for roughly 80% reimbursement for bus purchases through state transportation aid.
- Allowing the re-establishment of the Bus Purchase Reserve, which includes

extending the term 10 years and increasing the maximum allowable deposits from \$2 million to \$5 million. The re-establishment of this reserve has no impact on the 2024-25 tax levy. If re-established, all future acquisitions of school buses and vehicles from the reserve would require voter approval.

- Allowing the re-establishment of the Capital Reserve, which includes extending the term 10 years and increasing the maximum allowable deposits from \$1 million to \$3 million. The re-establishment of this reserve has no impact on the 2024-25 tax levy. If re-established, all future capital expenditures from the reserve would require voter approval.
- Allowing the establishment of a Technology Reserve. A Technology Reserve will be used to maintain and upgrade student Chromebooks, teacher laptops, Promethean Boards and other devices, as needed. This reserve will be established for a period of 10 years, with maximum allowable deposits of \$2 million. The establishment of this reserve has no impact on the 2024-25 tax levy. If established, voter approval would be required for the district to spend funds from this reserve.
- Allowing the district to purchase a dump truck and sander for use in grounds maintenance for \$115,000. This will be paid from the Capital Reserve with no impact on the 2024-25 tax levy.
- Electing one Board of Education member to a five-year term, which will begin July 1, 2024.



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