

MORAVIA

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET EDITION ► SPRING 2023

BUDGET FACTS

Proposed Budget

\$28,676,344

Spending Increase

\$2,043,483 (or 7.67%)

Estimated Tax Levy Increase

\$133,618 (or 1.50%)



RESIDENTS TO VOTE MAY 16 ON 2023-24 BUDGET

► 2023-2024 School Budget

► Budget Hearing:

May 9, 2023

7PM, MS/HS Café

► Budget Vote:

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

7AM - 9PM

High School North Foyer

68 S. Main St.

Moravia, NY 13118

**PLEASE
REMEMBER
TO VOTE!**

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including full budget
information, visit the
school website.

Dear District Residents,

The details of the proposed 2023-2024 school budget are included in this newsletter. The total budget of \$28,676,344 represents an overall 1.50% local tax levy increase.

As with every budget, the administration and school board began the process with a revisit of the district priorities and an assessment of our current programmatic needs. Our fiscal plan continues our work in addressing both the academic and social emotional needs post pandemic including the addition of a Social-Emotional-Learning Interventionist at the elementary school and a district-wide Adaptive Physical Education Teacher.

Along with the budget, there is a proposition to purchase three 66-passenger school buses. The purchase of these buses allows the district to continue the 8-year replacement plan that was designed to be both safe and cost-effective. Residents will also elect two members of the Board of Education.

We believe that this budget represents a balance between educational opportunities for our students as well as fiscal responsibilities to our taxpayers. Please review the enclosed information and feel free to ask for any necessary clarification. John Birmingham, our Superintendent of Schools; Jeff Lawrence, our School Business Administrator; or any Board of Education member will be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns that you may have. The school budget presentation will be on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria. More importantly, the budget vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between 7AM and 9PM in the MSHS North Foyer.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Moravia Central School District for your continued support in helping us provide world-class opportunities for our students!

Mr. Terry Thompson, *Board of Education President* | Mr. John Birmingham, *Superintendent of Schools*



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A LOOK INSIDE THE PROPOSED BUDGET

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT

	2022-2023 ADOPTED	2023-2024 PROPOSED	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Board of Education	\$36,225	\$36,597	\$372	1%
Central Administration	\$267,562	\$280,299	\$12,737	5%
Finance	\$542,216	\$549,582	\$7,366	1%
Legal Service	\$8,134	\$9,362	\$1,228	15%
Personnel	\$19,675	\$20,018	\$343	2%
Public Information	\$69,028	\$70,329	\$1,301	2%
Other Central Services	\$733,222	\$747,886	\$14,664	2%
Insurance	\$63,240	\$65,000	\$1,760	3%
Curriculum Development	\$11,000	\$12,500	\$1,500	14%
Supervision Regular School	\$527,987	\$553,778	\$25,791	5%
Research/Planning/ Development	\$111,531	\$113,762	\$2,231	2%
Employee Benefits	\$516,160	\$563,619	\$47,459	9%
Total Administrative Component	\$2,905,980	\$3,022,732	\$116,752	4%

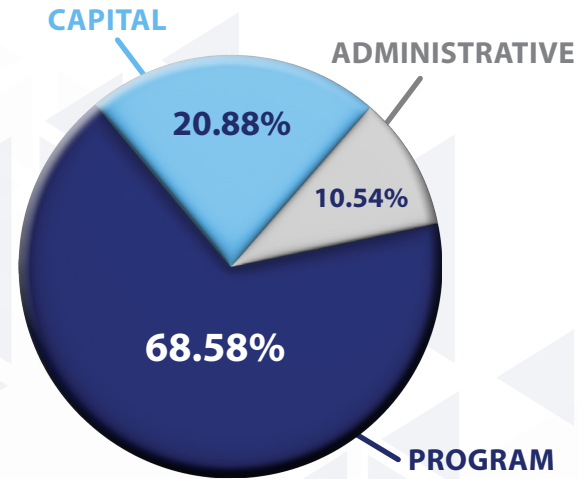
PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT

	2022-2023 ADOPTED	2023-2024 PROPOSED	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Legal Service	\$46,094	\$53,051	\$6,957	15%
In-service Training	\$45,710	\$48,564	\$2,854	6%
Teaching Regular School	\$5,395,226	\$6,122,316	\$727,090	13%
Special Education Program	\$3,755,427	\$4,129,608	\$374,181	10%
Occupation Education	\$984,094	\$1,055,597	\$71,503	7%
Teaching Special Schools	\$192,281	\$195,197	\$2,916	2%
School Library/ Audio Visual	\$200,520	\$212,045	\$11,525	6%
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$752,485	\$778,477	\$25,992	3%
Guidance/Attendance	\$345,147	\$361,339	\$16,192	5%
Health Services	\$200,945	\$214,470	\$13,525	7%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$217,672	\$229,399	\$11,727	5%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$451,760	\$465,482	\$13,722	3%
Transportation/Bus Garage	\$1,496,259	\$1,620,339	\$124,080	8%
Community Relations	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0%
Employee Benefits	\$3,734,084	\$4,077,421	\$343,337	9%
School Lunch Transfer	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	0%
Special Aid Transfer	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	100%
Total Program Component	\$17,904,204	\$19,664,805	\$1,760,601	10%

CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT

	2022-2023 ADOPTED	2023-2024 PROPOSED	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Operation of the Plant	\$1,187,494	\$1,288,886	\$101,392	9%
Maintenance of the Plant	\$377,946	\$418,035	\$40,089	11%
Refund of Taxes	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	0%
Employee Benefits	\$297,417	\$324,763	\$27,346	9%
Debt Services	\$3,855,320	\$3,852,623	(\$2,697)	0%
Capital Outlay	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0%
Total Capital Budget:	\$5,822,677	\$5,988,807	\$166,130	3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$26,632,861	\$28,676,344	\$2,043,483	7.67%

THREE-PART BUDGET



ADMINISTRATIVE

Salaries and benefits, as well as all other costs to operate the district office and each school's main office and cover Board of Education expenses.

PROGRAM

Funding for all K-12 educational programs, including teacher and support staff salaries and benefits, BOCES special education and instructional services, interscholastic athletics and transportation.

CAPITAL

Cleaning and maintaining district facilities, including salaries, benefits, service contracts, utilities, materials and supplies, capital outlay projects and debt service.

PROPOSITION 1: 2023-2024 Budget

Voters will consider the Moravia Central School District's proposed 2023-24 budget of \$28,676,344, which calls for a 1.50 percent increase in the local property tax levy.

PROPOSITION 2: Bus Purchase

Voters will also decide on a separate proposition to purchase three 66 passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$447,000.

PROPOSITION 3: Capital Reserve

Voters will consider the establishment of a capital reserve fund not to exceed \$2 million to finance site work, construction, renovation and related costs.

PROPOSITION 4: Powers Library

Voters will consider the sum of \$94,500.00, an increase of \$15,000.00, from \$79,500.00 be raised by an annual tax levy upon the taxable real property within the Moravia Central School District for the purpose of funding the Powers Library.

CAPITAL RESERVE CREATION

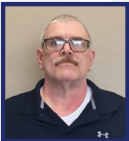
We are excited to present to you our proposal for a Capital Reserve Fund that will help us maintain and improve our district's facilities. As you know, our school district is constantly growing and changing, and we want to make sure that our buildings and infrastructure can keep up with our students' needs. The Capital Reserve Fund will be used for important projects such as renovations, repairs, and upgrades to our school buildings, as well as investments in technology and other necessary equipment. By setting aside a portion of our budget each year for this purpose, we can ensure that we have the funds we need to make these important improvements when they are needed, without having to resort to more costly borrowing or tax increases. We believe that investing in our schools and their facilities is an investment in the future of our community. By maintaining our buildings and infrastructure, we can create a safer, more comfortable, and more welcoming learning environment for our students, teachers, and staff. We understand that any proposal for a new fund or tax can be met with skepticism and concern. However, we want to assure you that this fund will be carefully managed and transparently reported. We will work closely with the community to identify priority projects and ensure that the fund is used responsibly and effectively. We invite you to learn more about the Capital Reserve Fund proposal and to ask any questions you may have. We believe that this is an important step in securing the future of our district and ensuring that we can continue to provide the best possible education for our students.

POWERS LIBRARY VOTE

Public Libraries within New York State have the right to place their levy proposition on the Board of Education's ballot for submission to the voters. Powers Library serves the entire community of the Moravia Central School District and can levy taxes to the community it serves. The amount levied by the library is separate and apart from the school district levy, however the funds are collected and held by the school district until the funds are submitted to the library. Libraries are only required to have a proposition on the ballot when they are increasing their annual levy. If a vote on an increase were to be defeated, the funding for the library reverts to the previous amount approved by the voters.

THREE CANDIDATES SEEK TWO SEATS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Moravia residents will elect two members of the Board of Education to each serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2026. Candidates names were drawn by lot and will appear on the May 16 ballot in the following order:



ANDREW POWERS

Andrew, a life-long resident of the community and graduate of Moravia CSD, works through the village as a Crossing Guard and does odd jobs as needed, such as mowing lawns and shoveling snow. He and his wife Vickie have five children – Mark Powers (42), Melissa Griffin (41), Matthew Powers (39), Manda Hyer (34), and Megan Powers (31).



HEIDI MCNALL

Heidi, who has lived within the district for 21 years, works as a Finance Coordinator for the Department of Architecture at Cornell University, where she is in charge of coordinating travel and events for the department. She also works as a Presidential Purpose Partner with Think Goodness, where she leads a large team of independent consultants. Heidi has three children who graduated from Moravia CSD – Samantha Russell (2018 graduate), Jared Russell (2019 graduate), and Lynnae Russell (2022 graduate). She lives in the village with her partner Wade Landis.



DIANA PLUE

Diana, a 19-year resident of Moravia, works at Sheats & Bailey, PLLC as a Senior Attorney. In this role, she mainly focuses on the areas of construction law and employment/labor law, as well as some real estate and corporate law. Diana and her husband, Brian, have three children who attend Moravia CSD – Nicholas (10th grade), Natalee (8th grade), and Emily (6th grade).



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OR
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Board of Education

- Terry Thompson, President
- Shawn Becker, Vice President
- Michelle Lyon
- Emily Palmer
- Jackie Schnurr
- Neil Stevens
- Jodie Rusaw, District Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

John Birmingham



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 26,632,861	\$28,676,344	\$28,542,726
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$2,043,483	\$1,906,012
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.67%	7.16%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,907,851	\$9,041,469	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$	\$	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$	\$	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$	\$	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$8,907,851	\$9,041,469	\$8,907,851
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$648,428	\$601,301	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,259,423	\$8,444,021	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$8,259,423	\$8,440,168	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$3,853	
Administrative Component	\$2,905,980	\$3,022,732	\$3,019,114
Program Component	\$17,904,204	\$19,664,805	\$19,634,805
Capital Component	\$5,822,677	\$5,988,807	\$5,888,807

If a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year is adopted, all equipment purchases and conference expenses would be eliminated. In addition, the \$100,000 Capital Outlay project would be eliminated.

Description	Amount
Purchase of three full-size 66 passenger buses.	\$447,000
	\$
	\$
	\$

** NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$429

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Moravia Central School District, Cayuga County, New York, will be held at Moravia HS (North Foyer) school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Moravia HS (North Foyer) school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible to vote on the school budget and election, you must be a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older and a legal resident of the Moravia Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

No prior registration is required. Voter qualifications are mandated in accordance with New York State Education Law.

NOTE: Voting inspectors reserve the right to check the driver's license of any voter to verify residency.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you are unable to appear in person on May 16 you may vote by absentee ballot. To receive an absentee ballot, pick up an application from the District Office and return it at least seven business days before the vote if the ballot is going to be mailed to you, or at least one day before the vote if you will be picking up the ballot in person at the District Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call District Clerk Jodie Rusaw at 315-497-2670 for more information.