

MORAVIA

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET EDITION ► SPRING 2021



RESIDENTS TO VOTE MAY 18 ON 2021-22 BUDGET

► 2021-2022 School Budget

► Budget Hearing:

May 11, 2021
7PM, MS/HS Cafe

► Budget Vote:

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
7AM - 9PM
High School North Foyer
68 S. Main St.
Moravia, NY 13118

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

For more information,
including full budget
information, visit the
school website:

moraviaschool.org

The details of the proposed 2021-2022 school budget are included in this newsletter. The total budget of \$25,143,256 represents a \$904,387 increase which is a 3.73% increase over the 2020-21 budget. This proposed budget includes a 2.45% local tax levy increase. This allows us to continue to expand programs while remaining fiscally responsible with a multi-year plan that avoids large fluctuations in the local tax levy.

As with every budget, the administration and school board began the process with a revisit of this year's district strategic plan priorities that were focused on responding to our student academic and social emotional needs as a result of this pandemic. Based on increased funding at both the state and federal level to help address these needs we were able to develop a fiscal plan that now includes a Summer Educational Program at all three levels (elementary, middle and high school), an investment in both literacy programs and math interventions at the primary level, and the establishment of a five-year technology replacement program. In addition, we continue to invest in our facilities with the addition of a cleaner position to maintain the level of disinfecting required post pandemic.

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 eight-year replacement plan that was designed to be both safe and cost-effective. Residents will also elect two members to 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, Superintendent of Schools; Jeff Lawrence, 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 hearing will be on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria. The budget vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM in the MS/HS North Foyer. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place and face coverings are required to enter the polling place.

In a year like no other, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Moravia Central School District for their flexibility and continued support.

BUDGET FACTS

Proposed Budget

\$25,143,256

Spending Increase

\$904,387 (or 3.73%)

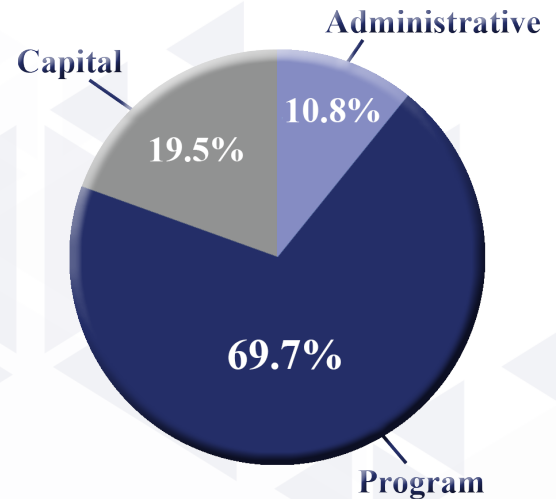
ESTIMATED TAX LEVY INCREASE

\$207,676 (or 2.45%)

A LOOK INSIDE THE PROPOSED BUDGET

	2020-21	2021-22 PROPOSED	VARIANCE	% CHANGE
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT				
Board of Education	\$38,016	\$39,112	1,096	2.88%
Central Administration	\$250,846	\$256,530	5,684	2.27%
Finance	\$472,406	\$431,538	-40,868	-8.65%
Legal Services	\$7,666	\$11,416	3,750	48.92%
Personnel	\$18,920	\$19,338	418	2.21%
Public Information	\$65,902	\$67,753	1,851	2.81%
Other Central Services	\$668,706	\$695,522	26,816	4.01%
Insurance	\$55,000	\$62,000	7,000	12.73%
Curriculum Development	\$500	\$10,000	9,500	1900.00%
Supervision Regular School	\$489,442	\$505,321	15,879	3.24%
Research/Planning/Development	\$106,836	\$107,580	744	0.70%
Employee Benefits	\$453,900	\$511,669	57,769	12.73%
Total Administrative Component	\$2,628,140	\$2,717,779	\$89,639	3.41%
PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT				
Legal Service	\$43,440	\$64,690	21,250	48.92%
In-service Training	\$40,666	\$41,833	1,167	2.87%
Teaching Regular School	\$5,095,084	\$5,378,896	238,812	5.57%
Special Education Program	\$3,448,571	\$3,629,586	181,015	5.25%
Occupation Education	\$958,780	\$970,076	11,296	1.18%
Teaching Special Schools	\$41,165	\$129,617	88,452	214.87%
School Library/Audio Visual	\$192,056	\$194,549	2,493	1.3%
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$958,734	\$815,024	-143,710	-14.99%
Guidance/Attendance	\$316,130	\$326,092	9,962	3.15%
Health Services	\$118,525	\$129,915	11,390	9.61%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$198,575	\$207,417	8,842	4.45%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$418,670	\$438,519	19,849	4.74%
Transportation/Bus Garage	\$1,720,199	\$1,419,131	-301,068	-17.50%
Community Relations	\$1,500	\$1,500	0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$3,283,675	\$3,701,597	417,922	12.73%
School Lunch Transfer	\$70,000	\$70,000	0	0.00%
Special Aid Transfer	\$15,000	\$15,000	0	0.00%
Total Program Component	\$16,920,770	\$17,533,442	\$612,672	3.62%
CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT				
Operation of the Plant	\$1,034,041	\$1,092,385	58,344	5.64%
Maintenance of the Plant	\$350,412	\$358,963	8,551	2.44%
Refund of Taxes	\$9,000	\$9,000	0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$261,542	\$294,829	33,287	12.73%
Debt Services	\$2,934,964	\$3,036,858	101,894	3.47%
Capital Outlay	\$100,000	\$100,000	0	0.00%
Total Capital Budget	\$4,689,959	\$4,892,035	\$202,076	4.31%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$24,238,869	\$25,143,256	\$904,387	3.73%

Three-Part Budget



ADMINISTRATIVE (10.8%)

- 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 (69.7%)

- 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 (19.5%)

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

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION 1

2021-22 Budget

Voters will consider the Moravia Central School District's proposed 2021-22 budget of \$25,143,256, which calls for a 2.45 percent increase in the local property tax levy.

PROPOSITION 2

Student Transportation Vehicles

Voters will also decide on a separate proposition to purchase three 66 passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$354,000.



HOME OF THE BLUE DEVILS



FOUR 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2024. Candidates names were drawn by lot and will appear on the May 18 ballot in the following order:



Leigh Hess, of Moravia, is seeking a third term on the board. A lifelong resident of Moravia, Ms. Hess works at Alyne LLC where she handles administrative duties, such as data entry and billing. Ms. Hess is also the restaurant manager for 10-10 BBQ.

A 1989 graduate of Moravia High School, Ms. Hess went on to obtain an associate's degree in retail business management from Cayuga Community College. She serves on the district's Safety Committee, as well as the Agriculture, Wellness & Strategic Planning Committees. Ms. Hess is also a representative of the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES School Board Association.

"Moravia is a unique district! Our teachers, staff and administration create a family atmosphere throughout the district. We have challenging times ahead of us because of the pandemic and I would like to carry the district forward," she said.



Neil Stevens, of Moravia, is seeking a seat on the board. Mr. Stevens, who has lived in Moravia for the last six-plus years, currently works for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as an Environmental Conservation Police Officer and Lieutenant Investigator.

A graduate of Southern Cayuga High School, Mr. Stevens obtained his associate's degree in natural resources from SUNY Morrisville and his bachelor's degree in natural resources from Cornell University. He also completed his DCJS Basic Police Officer Training in 2008.

Mr. Stevens is a member of the Long Hill Fire Department and the Kelloggsville Odd Fellows Hall, as well as a past member of the Moravia Village Police Department. Mr. Stevens enjoys time with his family, flying airplanes and riding motorcycles.

"I have devoted my career to public service and aspire to assist in the continuation of excellence associated with MCS," he said.



Mary Owen, of Moravia, is seeking a seat on the board of education. Ms. Owen, who has lived in Moravia for nearly 30 years, is currently employed at The Joint Commission as a Behavioral Health Surveyor. In this role she surveys hospitals and behavioral health care facilities across the nation against quality standards to assess their ability to provide safe, high quality care.

Ms. Owen graduated from New Rochelle High School, and then obtained several post secondary degrees, including from SUNY Potsdam (BA) and SUNY Albany (MSW). She is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Ms. Owen serves on the National Association of Social Workers (New York Chapter), as well as the NYS Citizens Public Health Training Program. Ms. Owen enjoys gardening, cycling and reading.

"COVID stressed us, but it also made us adaptable and caring. Now, we need to be forward thinking and innovative. My motto: 'Be better tomorrow,'" she said.



Jennifer Bilinski, of Moravia, is seeking reelection to the board. A resident of Moravia for the last 10 years, Ms. Bilinski is a New York State Licensed Daycare provider. Ms. Bilinski graduated from Holland Patent Central High School and attended Onondaga Community College. She has served as a member of the district's Technology Committee and currently serves on the Audit Committee.

A six year veteran on the board, Ms. Bilinski enjoys gardening, cooking and traveling. She said she is running again for the school board because she has an interest in continuing to improve the quality of the school system.

"I want to ensure the quality of our public education for current and future students," she said.



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OR
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Board of Education

- Michelle Lyon, President
- Kärin Dillon, Vice President
- Shawn Becker
- Jennifer Bilinski
- Jeffrey Carmichael
- Leigh Hess
- Terry Thompson
- Anita Burhans, District Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

John Birmingham

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 18 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 Anita Burhans at 315-497-2670 for more information.



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 24,238,869	\$25,143,256	\$24,935,580
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$904,387	\$696,711
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.73%	2.87 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,482,676	\$8,690,352	
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)	\$8,482,676	\$8,690,352	\$8,482,676
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$545,423	\$625,417	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,937,253	\$8,064,935	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,937,253	\$8,064,935	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,628,140	\$2,717,779	\$2,701,102
Program Component	\$16,920,770	\$17,533,442	\$17,482,443
Capital Component	\$4,689,959	\$4,892,035	\$4,752,035

If a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year is adopted, all equipment purchases and conference expenses would be eliminated. In addition, the \$100,000 Capital Outlay project would be eliminated.

** 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
Purchase of three full-size 66 passenger buses.	\$354,000

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmqts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$437

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 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 18, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., 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.