

Madrid-Waddington Central School

2018-2019 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

M-W School District residents may cast their vote in the Auditorium Lobby from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Dear District Residents:

As **Proposition I**, The Board of Education submits the 2018-2019 District Expenditures for community approval. The \$16,833,920 proposed expenditure represents an increase of \$601,511 or 3.71% more than last year's budget.

Health insurance and special education had the largest impact on this year's increases with additional expenses also realized in operations, BOCES services, and general program. Additional funding is also included for the addition of an elementary counselor and a teaching assistant to meet the needs of our students.

State revenue increases were provided through foundation aid, building aid, and BOCES aid. The fund balance allocation will be increased to \$850,000. The combined revenue increases and fund balance allocation will allow the District to stay under the allowable tax cap of 2.729% with a recommended tax levy increase of \$113,243 or 2.70%.

Since the District will remain within the tax levy limit, residents shall be entitled to the property tax relief credit. Information regarding this program can be found at: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property-tax-relief.htm>

Proposition II is the election of three members to the nine (9) member Board of Education. Two of the three seats are full five-year terms and the third is for the remaining three years of an unexpired term that has been vacated. Gerald Molnar, Katheryn Logan, and Charles Grant have submitted petitions to run for the open seats. Candidate biographies are provided later in this newsletter. Because board seats are "at large," the two candidates who receive the two highest number of votes will fill the five-year terms and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will receive the unexpired three-year term.

Proposition III requests community approval for the purchase of two 72-passenger school buses. This purchase will allow the district to maintain our current bus rotation ensuring a safe and efficient fleet for transporting our students. This will have no effect on the tax levy as the funds for this purchase will be used from the District's Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve. The district's transportation expenses are 90% reimbursable by the State.

Proposition IV seeks community approval to continue the process of engaging in an annual capital outlay project. Districts in New York State are allowed to conduct yearly capital outlay projects that cost no more than \$100,000 with voter approval. Capital outlay projects are reimbursed at our building aid ratio which is currently 90.5% so the net cost to the district is under \$10,000. The focus of this project will be the installation of new support piers under the front canopy columns to address the serious rust deterioration at the sidewalk level. We will also continue classroom window replacement in up to two classrooms. The reimbursement from last year's project provides 90% of the funding for the new project and the remaining funds will be taken from our building reserve so as to not affect the tax levy.

Cordially,

Eric Burke

Madrid-Waddington Central School

May 2018

Proposed Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year

BUDGET FACTS:

Proposed Expenditure increase of 3.71%, or \$601,511

Proposed increase in tax levy = 2.70%

Public Hearing for Budget

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

High School Library

Annual Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

MWCS Auditorium Lobby

Absentee ballots are available – please call 322-5746, ext. 222 for details

Voter qualifications:

- **United States citizenship**
- **At least 18 years of age**
- **Residence within the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote**

Propositions to be voted on May 15, 2018

PROPOSITION I: BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School be authorized to expend the sum of \$16,833,920 for the 2018-2019 school year and to levy the necessary tax for this purpose.

PROPOSITION II: BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ◆ The election of three (3) members to the nine (9) member Board of Education.
- ◆ Two (2) five-year terms and one (1) unexpired three-year term are open.
- ◆ All Board seats are “at large” so the two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will earn the five-year terms and the candidate with the third highest vote total will fill the unexpired three-year term.
- ◆ Candidates include the following:
 - Gerald Molnar
 - Katheryn Logan
 - Charles Grant

The ballot will be accepting write-in candidates.

PROPOSITION III: BUS PURCHASE

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to purchase two (2) 72-passenger buses to expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$250,000; which sum shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the District: and

That the Board of Education be authorized to expend funds from the existing Transportation and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to fund the cost of the two buses in whole or part; and That the Board of Education be authorized in accordance with the provisions of the Education and Local Finance Law to borrow on the credit of the District a sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to fund the cost of the two buses to issue obligations of the District not to exceed that amount to finance the purchase of the buses in whole or part.

PROPOSITION IV: CAPITAL OUTLAY

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District be authorized and directed to expend up to \$100,000 from the Building Reserve in part or whole to conduct work that includes but is not limited to the following: Replacement of windows in classrooms including window removal, new windows and patching adjacent finishes. Modifications to the structural supports at the front entrance canopy including partial removal of deteriorated steel columns, installation of new precast concrete bases, touch up painting of columns and sidewalk restoration.



Ms. Marrama, the French teacher at Madrid-Waddington recently translated a Spanish novel into French. She was able to select one of her students' illustrations to use in her book. Students were asked to draw pictures for the book and entering the contest drew their depictions of a young boy from the Ivory Coast playing soccer. Jaelynn Jessmer, a 10th grade student in Miss. Marrama's French III class was selected. Jaelynn's drawings are featured on the cover of the book and inside the book "Le Maillot". The book is now published, and is being sold on Amazon.

A big congratulations goes out to Jaelynn Jessmer, the student whose illustrations were chosen for the book!

INTRODUCTION OF THREE CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

Gerald Molnar...I have been a lifelong resident of the Madrid-Waddington School District. I retired from the Department of Corrections after 35 years of state service. I am currently finishing my 15th year as a member of the Board of Education. Through the years the educational requirements set down by both the State and Federal Government have placed all school districts in tough fiscal situations. I am proud to say that as a Member of the Board of Education we, in conjunction with the Administration, have been able to maintain a vast variety of opportunities in academics, sports, and the arts for our students. In addition, with community support we have been able to upgrade our facilities and address student safety while staying fiscally responsible. My family has all benefited from being part of this community. My wife Melody is currently a Kindergarten Teacher at M-W and our daughter is a graduate of MWCS. I am proud of the students, staff, and administration here at MWCS and thank you for your support.

Charles Grant...I would like to ask for your support as I am running for a seat on the Board of Education at Madrid-Waddington Central School. I have lived in Madrid since 1996 with my wife Christine and our two daughters Hannah and Isabella. Hannah is a senior and Isabella is in seventh grade at MWCS. I have seen firsthand the positive impact our school has had on our children and would like to ensure the quality of education and programs continue into the future in this district.

I was born and raised in Potsdam, graduating from Potsdam Central School in 1989. After high school I joined the US Air Force. I served for over four years and was honorably discharged in 1996. During my time in the Air Force I studied civil and mechanical engineering and received associate certificates in both engineering fields. I am currently employed with Leberge and Curtis and have been there for over 12 years.

I have always enjoyed giving back to our community. I have coached t-ball, coach-pitch softball, and helped out at the skating rink. I have held multiple positions within the Madrid Fire Department. Those positions include Chief, President, and Director. I was a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners in Madrid for 14 years and served as Chairman for many of those years. We are going to be faced with many challenges in the future. Challenges such as the safety of our children and the continued struggle to maintain the tax levy without cutting any programs. I feel I can be a great asset to the District and provide an open mind to issues faced everyday by the students, teachers, parents, and taxpayers. Thank you for your time, and I hope I can count on your vote and support.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS (CON'T)

Katie Logan...I am excited to announce that I am running for a seat on the Madrid-Waddington School Board. I grew up just outside of Madrid and graduated with the MW Class of 1998. I lived in Canton for a short time after high school, but when it was time for my daughter to begin Kindergarten we moved back into the Madrid-Waddington school district. It was important to me that my children attended Madrid-Waddington because I wanted them to experience the same positive, nurturing atmosphere that I benefited from. Because I grew up in the district, I was familiar with many of the teachers and administrators, but most importantly, I knew that my children would receive a quality education in a safe environment.

I am a 2002 graduate of SUNY Canton with an AAS degree in Administrative Assistant. I have served as a Cub Scout leader for the Waddington Cub Scouts Pack 38 and the secretary for the Senior Parent Committee. I have been employed by SUNY Potsdam for the last 10 years, most recently as a Secretary 1 in the College Advancement Office. I now live in the town of Madrid with my companion of 10 years, Jason Curran, and my two children, Elizabeth and Caleb Froats.

The school is the heart of our community and I feel very fortunate to live in the Madrid Waddington school district. We send our children to school every day knowing that they are safe, well taken care of, and receiving a quality education. Giving back to my community has always been important to me, as is setting a good example for my children. I believe that you cannot expect change if you are not willing to put forth the effort to make a change. I look forward to working with other administrators, faculty, parents, and community members in our school district to ensure the best possible education for our children.

Congratulations to our Class of 2018 Honor Graduates

**The Class of 2018 Honor Graduates will be recognized at the June 5, 2018 Honors Banquet,
to be held at 6:30 pm, Madrid-Waddington Central School.**

Summa Cum Laude

Katharine Dinneen
Sara Evans
Audrey Higginson
Lydia Maskell
Emily McBath
Jacob Thomas

Magna Cum Laude

Francis Bateman
Emily Bracy
Tyler Fitzgerald
Hannah Grant
Taylor Harris
Megan McCall
Olivia Rubin

Cum Laude

Tyler Allen
Breanna Bouchey
Daniel Dominy
Danielle Hough
Aubrie Liddell
Kerry Mayette
Evan Ryan
Eli Thomas
Grant VanBuren

These three levels of distinction recognizing academic excellence are:
Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 95 or above); Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 93 or above); Cum Laude (GPA of 90 or above)

THE LITTLE MERMAID



The Cast

Top row (l. to r.): Ben Averill, Camden Massia-Girard, Katie Bateman, Thomas Cafarella, Matthew Mikolay, Francis Bateman, Simon Roome, Ally Giorgi, Emily Giorgi, Tyler Allen, Sarah Weaver. Second from back row (l. to r.): Adriauna Willard, Alexis Rivera, Addison Grandy, Elliott Woodward, Brianna Hammond, Eddie Miller, Blake Taylor, Maria Allen, Riley Burke, Ava Rutherford. Second from front row (l. to r.): Emily Bracy, Jacob Murphy, Karina Norman, Emma Martin, Abigail Sabre, Katharine Dinneen, Morgan Sabre, Sadie Conger, Julia Cochrane. Front row (l. to r.): Maria Langford, Breanna Bouchey, Allie Stoner, Morgan Burns, Emma Maskell, Jaelynn Jessmer, Lindsey Baker, Danielle Hough, Anna Brady, Eve Higginson. Missing from photo: Katelynn Jones



Set Painters

Front row (l. to r.): Madison Vallance, Harlie George, Zoey French, Zoey Taylor, Melissa Martell, Landon Sharlow. Second row (l. to r.): Jade Blackmer, Bobbijeane Rafter, Aynsley French, Baiylee Jessmer. Third row (l. to r.): Hannah Manson, Adriauna Willard, Abigail Chambers, Brookie Danussi, Grace Mayette. Back row (l. to r.): Vanessa Johnson, Ella Kitzman, Erica Bates, Clarence Andress, Cassie Caswell, Lillan Todd. Missing from photo: Zoe Russell

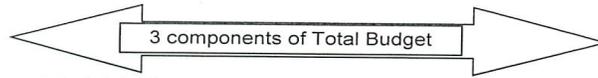
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Stage Crew

Back row (l. to r.): Nathan Moulton, Kellsie Tiernan, Jesse LaMere, Emily McBath, Grace LePage, Shane Tiernan. Second from back row (l. to r.): Grant VanBuren, Megan McCall, Cassidy Hargrave, Stephenie Curran, Lydia Maskell, Dan Dominy, Jake Robinson. Third from back row (l. to r.): Evan Ryan, Kerry Mayette, Sydney Hosmer, Rylee Lawrence, Jake Thomas. Sitting on ship (l. to r.): Evan Ruddy, Kyle Field. Front (l. to r.): Owen Uppstrom, Braydon Bush, Shea Putney
Missing from photo: Tyler Fitzgerald, Audrey Higginson, Maranda Dumas, Jade Blackmer, Bobbijean Rafter, Cheyanne Rafter, Julia Domena, Madison Hicks, Jordyn Miller, Natalie Currier, Aubrie Liddell, Katelyn Babbitt

**Madrid-Waddington Central School District
3 Part Budget for 2018-2019**



FUNCTION	2018-19 Budget	Administrative	Program	Capital
Board of Education	\$ 102,682	\$ 102,682		
Central Administration	\$ 138,046	\$ 138,046		
Finance	\$ 268,754	\$ 268,754		
Legal Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Personnel/Staff	\$ 31,190	\$ 31,190		
Operation of Plant	\$ 596,998			\$ 596,998
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 292,696			\$ 292,696
Other Central Services	\$ 390,994	\$ 390,994		
Other Special Items	\$ 478,106	\$ 385,542		\$ 92,563
Curr. Dev. & Supervision	\$ 53,101	\$ 53,101		
Supervision Reg. School	\$ 265,650	\$ 265,650		
Research & Planning	\$ 23,182	\$ 23,182		
Instruction	\$ 7,295,816		\$ 7,295,816	
Other District Transp.	\$ 810,131	\$ 8,815	\$ 801,316	
Garage Building	\$ 64,978		\$ 64,978	
Contract Transportation	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
Community Service	\$ 22,803		\$ 22,803	
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,535,501	\$ 159,496	\$ 4,182,218	\$ 193,788
Debt Service	\$ 1,048,292			\$ 1,048,292
Other Transfers	\$ 390,000		\$ 40,000	\$ 350,000
	<u>\$ 16,833,920</u>	<u>\$ 1,832,452</u>	<u>\$ 12,427,131</u>	<u>\$ 2,574,337</u>
% of Total	100.00%	10.89%	73.82%	15.29%



Administrative	\$ 1,832,452
Program	\$ 12,427,131
Capital	\$ 2,574,337
TOTAL	\$ 16,833,920

The proposed educational spending plan for the upcoming school year at Madrid-Waddington represents a spending increase of 3.71%, or \$601,511. Our operation, though, because of insufficient projected state aid, will require a tax rate of 2.70%, less than the maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.729%.

The budget is organized into three sections: **Administrative, Program and Capital.** The **Administrative Budget** includes all expenses for managing and organizing the affairs of our school system. Examples of administrative expenses include administrator and secretary sala-

Program Budget is the most comprehensive element of our financial plan. Program includes all expenses associated with providing an education to the children and young people of our community. Examples of program expenses include class-room instruction, field trips,

The **Capital Budget** includes all expenses required to maintain a safe facility. Bond payments are also part of this category. Examples of capital expenses include bus driver training, bus maintenance, building safety inspections, fire prevention,

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 16,232,408	\$16,833,920	\$16,720,677
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		\$601,511	\$488,268
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.71 %	3.01%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	4,189,972	4,303,215	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	4,189,972	4,303,215	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$4,191,468	\$4,304,329	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	4,189,972	\$4,303,215	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$1,496	\$1,114	
Administrative Component	\$1,750,348	\$1,832,452	\$1,811,696
Program Component	\$11,939,288	\$12,427,131	\$12,334,644
Capital Component	\$2,542,772	\$2,574,337	\$2,574,337
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018-19 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
** 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 two buses	250,000
		Capital Outlay Project	100,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings	\$497.79

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Madrid-Waddington Central school district, St Lawrence County, New York, will be held at Madrid-Waddington Central school in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Madrid-Waddington Central school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

Madrid-Waddington Central students win International Whiz Quiz competition

The 2017 International and American Whiz Quiz Champions are students from Madrid-Waddington Central School.

Madrid-Waddington's competition team of Brennan Harmer, Jacob Jock, Audrey Higginson and Francis Bateman, led by advisor Michelle Robinson, demonstrated the academic knowledge necessary to win the American Competition. Also very important to Madrid-Waddington success are remaining team members Richard Pandel, Tyler Fitzgerald, Gabe Rutherford, Olivia Bush, and Thomas Cafarella.



There were 29 high schools competing this year in the single elimination tournament. Whiz Quiz celebrates the academic excellence of high school students from both sides of the border. The show will host twenty-nine American high schools from St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Franklin, and Oswego counties and two Canadian high schools. The show is presented by WPBS-TV in Watertown.

The 2017 Canadian Whiz Quiz Champions are Bayridge Secondary School from Kingston, Ontario.

Madrid-Waddington Central School and Bayridge Secondary School competed in the 2017 International Whiz Quiz Competition, with Madrid-Waddington Central School prevailing.

Madrid-Waddington's team was honored at the WPBS-DT Whiz Quiz Awards Ceremony with Glenn Gough on Thursday, March 29, at the Watertown Elks Lodge 496. As the 2017 American Whiz Quiz Champions, Madrid-Waddington was awarded a scholarship check in the amount of \$1,500.

Scholarships for the winning teams are provided in part by National Grid and Rotary Clubs in Watertown (Noon and Sunrise), Clayton, and Massena.

If you would like to watch any of Madrid-Waddington's competitions, please visit the Whiz Quiz website at: www.wpbstv.org/cms-display/whizquiz.html



The Fifth Grade “Fun” Iditarod Race of 2018

On March 23, 2018 the entire 5th Grade braved the elements by participating in the “FUN” Iditarod. This was a culminating activity to our month long Iditarod unit. Nine teams raced through five checkpoints, which included: Math, Physical Fitness, Mandatory Rest, TLC, and Iditarod Knowledge. The teams consisted of five teammates, one being the musher, and the others acting as the “dogs” (on two legs, of course).

Crossing the finish line first, wearing Bib #7, was the Underdogs. The team included: Hazel Kent, Quinton Miller, Connor Laforce, Josh Hobkirk, and Hailey Marcellus (6th grade substitute).

Overall, it was great day, and a wonderful learning experience!

We would also like to thank the parents who volunteered to be our race marshals.

We couldn’t have done it without your help!



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A LOOK *at the* **BUDGET**

Detailed copies of the proposed 2018-19 Budget are available on the District website at www.mwck12.org or in the Central Administrative Office at the Madrid-Waddington Central School.

The District School Report Card, Property Tax Exemption Report and Superintendent's Salary can be obtained there.
Please feel free to stop in and ask for a copy.