

Madrid-Waddington Central School

2022 - 2023 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

Dear District Residents:

As **Proposition I**, The Board of Education submits the 2022-2023 District Expenditures for community approval. The \$19,379,011 proposed expenditure represents an increase of \$1,191,779 or 6.55% more than last year's budget.

Two of the largest increases reflected in this year's budget continue to be from the areas of employee benefits and our instructional program. Both the SRP and MWTA bargaining units are actively working with the District to explore any and all cost containment options. We did see a fairly significant increase in our occupational education program costs as student enrollment in BOCES programs continues to increase. This is well worth the cost as these technical programs are immensely valuable for our students' post graduation plans. Overall we are maintaining most of our staffing although we will not be replacing one position being vacated due to retirement in our high school social studies department.

Thankfully, our foundation aid revenue has seen a significant increase as New York State has agreed to implement full funding over a two year period. Our increase this year is \$564,376 and we will hopefully see the same increase the following year. We will continue to use a fund balance allocation of \$810,000. The combined revenue increases and fund balance allocation will allow the District to stay under the allowable tax cap of 2.805% with a recommended tax levy increase of \$115,500 or 2.501%.

We are continuing to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act funds according to our plan. We are highly focused on providing additional opportunities for our students through after school programs and summer enrichment opportunities.

Proposition II is the election of two members to the nine (9) member Board of Education. One seat is a full five year term and the other is for the remaining two years of a vacated seat. We are extremely grateful to Brian Hammond and Tina Bush for their dedication and years of service to our students and community. There are two candidates who have filed petitions to seek the two available seats. On the ballot this year will be Amber Sullivan and Robert Smith. The candidate with the higher vote count will take the 5 year seat and the candidate with the lower vote count will finish out the 2 year term.

Proposition III requests community approval for the purchase of two 72-passenger buses. Bus costs are definitely increasing and we are looking at a State mandate that may require all bus purchases to be zero emission by 2027. This would certainly represent a large cost increase for purchases as well as infrastructure upgrades. We will continue to closely monitor this situation and actively seek out any available funding. Our 2022-23 bus purchases will have no effect on the tax levy as they will be funded by 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% so the net cost to the district is approximately \$10,000. This year's project will continue our window replacement schedule in the elementary wing. 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
Superintendent of Schools

Madrid-Waddington Central School
May 2022

Proposed Budget for the 2022 - 2023 School Year

BUDGET FACTS:

Proposed Expenditure increase of 6.55% or \$1,191,779
Proposed increase in tax levy = 2.501%

Public Hearing for Budget

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
6:00 PM

Annual Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
1:00 - 8:00 PM

Absentee ballots are available – please call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35222 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 17, 2022

PROPOSITION I: BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School be authorized to expend the sum of \$19,379,211 for the 2022 -2023 school year and to levy the necessary tax for this purpose.

PROPOSITION II: BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ◆ The election of two (2) members to the nine (9) member Board of Education.
- ◆ One (1) five-year term and one (1) unexpired two-year are open.
- ◆ Candidates include the following:

Amber Sullivan
Robert Smith

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 expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$285,000; 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 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 \$285,000, to fund the cost of the 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 which includes the removal of windows in select classrooms and offices and installation of new thermally broken, aluminum double hung windows with insulated glass. The size and color of the new windows will match the existing windows. Work will also include painting the existing steel lintels above the windows and sealing the perimeter of the window units.

Congratulations to our Class of 2022 Honor Graduates

The Class of 2022 Honor Graduates will be recognized at the June 15, 2022 Honors Banquet, to be held at 6:00 pm, Madrid-Waddington Central School.

Summa Cum Laude

Lindsey Burns
Angelié Bush
Caleb Froats
Caitlyn Harris
Lily LaMere
Luke LePage
Laney Tiernan

Magna Cum Laude

Tanor Harvey

Cum Laude

Kaylee Amo
Connor Arquiatt
Colby Beldock
Drew Harmer
Avery Hill
Zachary Jock
Cole Odendahl
Lain Pinello
Madison White
Adriauna Willard

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)

**INTRODUCTION OF TWO CANDIDATES WHO ARE
RUNNING FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS**

Robert Smith...My name is Robert Smith, and I am running for a seat on the Madrid-Waddington School Board. I attended Norwood-Norfolk Central where I graduated in 2002. I earned my Associates degree in Air-Conditioning Engineering Technology from SUNY Canton and graduated in 2004, after which I started working at Alcoa in Massena NY in 2005 and earned my Electrician Journeyman certificate in 2012. In 2013, I became the Union President and Business agent for the United Steelworkers and continued that job until 2017 when I joined the New York State United Teachers as a Labor Relations Specialist. When I am not carting the kids to practice's, recitals, or other after school functions, I enjoy spending my time hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, working on old cars, and vacationing with my family.

When I was a kid, I couldn't wait for school to end for the summer. My grandfather would take us to our camp on the Ruddy Road where I learned how to fish, swim, play volleyball, and yes – rake and mow the lawn. My grandfather sold the camp in 2004. My wife (and love of my life since 2001) Mindy and I purchased a lot on the Ruddy Road in 2009. Our dream was to build a home to raise our kids. In 2015, we finished that dream and hopefully will spend many more years there. We did this so our kids could have the same opportunities as we had. The biggest difference between my kids and me when I was young is - they actually enjoy going to school, are involved with many school activities such as Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Jr. Honor Society and many others. This difference in approach to school is why I am running for the Board. My kids have shown me this and I am very proud of them. I believe if we can continue to encourage our students to do more than the minimum requirements and push themselves to their full potential, we can truly achieve a better future for all. If you share in my belief, please vote Robert Smith on May 17th, 2022.

Thank you

Amber Sullivan....My name is Amber Sullivan and I recently filled a board vacancy. I am interested in continuing to serve the community as a member of the Madrid-Waddington School Board. As a kid, I was born and raised in Waddington, having graduated from MWCS in 1999. I have a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master's degree in Social Work. I have been employed with the St. Lawrence County Probation Department since 2013. I enjoy volunteering in my community, along with programs in the county that work with children/teens. Currently, I volunteer on The Youth Advisory Board, St. Lawrence County Suicide Coalition, Seaway Valley Prevention Council Board, and helped the Waddington Homecoming Committee last year with the return of the teen dance.

For the past 6 years, I have resided in Madrid with my family. My son is currently in the 8th grade at MWCS.

I believe that I am an effective communicator and good listener. I have proven to be a great team member, having worked together with community members and various boards. I strongly believe that community and school connection is important in order for kids to be successful.

I respectfully ask for your continued support in this year's upcoming election on May 17, 2022.

Thank you

DISASTER!



DISASTER! Cast

Front row (l. to r.): Aoife Burke, Harlie George, Megan Burwell, Lydia Baxter, Josephine Hill, Sophia Rogers, Baylie Skinner. Second row (l to r.): Katrina Sheffield, Grace Plumley, Danika Sheffield, Cassie Caswell, Brookie Danussi, Ava Rutherford, Raleigh Stebbins. Back row (l. to r.): Eddie Miller, Caleb Froats, Avery Hill, Cole Odendahl, Alan Boswell, Elliott Woodward, Ben Weaver



Stage Crew:

(l. to r.) Kyle Murphy, Colby Beldock, Tanner Harvey, Mrs. McCall, Laney Tiernan, Graham Hill, Lily LaMere, Drew Harmer, Olivia Grandy, Ella Kitzman, Matt Reed, Luke LePage

Madrid-Waddington Central School District 3 Part Budget for 2022-2023				
3 components of Total Budget				
FUNCTION	2022-2023 Budget	Administrative	Program	Capital
Board of Education	\$ 117,428	\$ 117,428		
Central Administration	\$ 163,828	\$ 163,828		
Finance	\$ 256,045	\$ 256,045		
Legal Services	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
Personnel/Staff	\$ 25,136	\$ 25,136		
Operation of Plant	\$ 609,292			\$ 609,292
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 332,864			\$ 332,864
Other Central Services	\$ 429,825	\$ 429,825		
Other Special Items	\$ 690,211	\$ 487,247		\$ 202,964
Curr. Dev. & Supervision	\$ 36,657	\$ 36,657		
Supervision Reg. School	\$ 287,758	\$ 287,758		
Research & Planning	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000		
Instruction	\$ 8,179,187		\$ 8,179,187	
Other District Transp.	\$ 892,416	\$ 67,500	\$ 824,916	
Garage Building	\$ 68,952		\$ 68,952	
Contract Transportation	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
Community Service	\$ 30,998		\$ 30,998	
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,532,555	\$ 248,606	\$ 5,258,275	\$ 25,674
Debt Service	\$ 1,243,859			\$ 1,243,859
Other Transfers	\$ 435,000		\$ 70,000	\$ 365,000
	\$ 19,379,011	\$ 2,144,530	\$ 14,454,828	\$ 2,779,653
% of Total	100.00%	11.07%	74.59%	14.34%
		Administrative	\$ 2,144,530	
		Program	\$ 14,454,828	
		Capital	\$ 2,779,653	
		TOTAL	\$ 19,379,011	

The proposed educational spending plan for the upcoming school year at Madrid-Waddington represents a spending increase of 6.55%, or \$1,191,779. Our operation will require a tax rate of 2.501%, less than the maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.805%.

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 salaries, attorney and payroll service fees, professional development activities, copying costs and benefits.

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 classroom instruction, field trips, special education services for disabled children, textbooks, computer technology, art, music and athletics.

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, maintenance and custodial salaries & benefits, fuel, power and water.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 18,187,232	\$ 19,379,011	\$ 19,263,585										
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 1,191,779	\$ 1,076,353										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.55 %	5.92%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.02%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 4,614,825	\$ 4,730,251											
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)	\$ 4,614,825	\$ 4,730,251	\$ 4,614,825										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 4,629,630	\$ 4,744,251											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 4,614,825	\$ 4,730,251											
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 14,805	\$ 14,000											
Administrative Component	\$ 2,068,913	\$ 2,144,530	\$ 2,144,530										
Program Component	\$13,422,614	\$14,454,828	\$14,339,402										
Capital Component	\$ 2,695,705	\$ 2,779,653	\$ 2,779,653										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>Certain equipment, employment, and extra-curricular/athletic programs will be either downsized or eliminated.</p>													
<p>** 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)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Purchase of 2 Buses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$285,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Outlay Project</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	Purchase of 2 Buses	\$285,000	Capital Outlay Project	\$100,000				
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$503

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District, St Lawrence County, New York, will be held at Madrid-Waddington Central School on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between 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.

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

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**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

Detailed copies of the proposed 2022-2023 Budget are available on the District website at www.mwcsk12.org.
The District School Report Card, Property Tax Exemption Report and Superintendent's Salary can be obtained there.