

Madrid-Waddington Central School

2023 - 2024 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

Dear District Residents:

As **Proposition I**, The Board of Education submits the 2023-2024 District Expenditures for community approval. The \$20,727,836 proposed expenditure represents an increase of \$1,348,825 or 6.96% more than last year's budget.

Our most significant increases reflected in this year's budget are in the areas of program and non-instructional contractual obligations as well as inflationary impacts on supplies, equipment and service. Contracts with both the SRP and MWTA bargaining units were ratified last year with health insurance changes that have resulted in a relatively low increase in premium costs this year. We appreciate the willingness of both units to work collaboratively with the district to ensure solid financial ground for our current and future students. We continue to see a significant increase in our occupational education program costs as student enrollment in BOCES programs remains high. The opportunities available for our students through these programs makes this a definite worthwhile expenditure.

We are also gearing up for a capital project that will likely be somewhere in the \$14M range, and we are hoping to present this to district voters in the fall for approval with a zero net increase to the tax levy. We are earmarking \$200,000 in this year's budget to be leveraged along with capital reserves to offset the gap that State Building Aid does not cover for the project thus allowing the project to be financed without requesting an increase in the tax levy.

This year represents the final year of phase-in for full foundation aid so this will be our last large increase in aid for the foreseeable future. We are taking a conservative approach with the 23-24 budget as aid increases for the following year will likely be quite uncertain. Our aid increase combined with an \$800,000 fund balance allocation allows the District to stay under the allowable tax cap of 2.93% with a recommended tax levy increase of \$63,507 or 1.343%.

We are continuing to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act funds according to our plan, and remain 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. There are two candidates that have filed petitions and we are very appreciative that both incumbents have decided to run again. Thank you to Charles Grant and Katie Logan as they seek voter approval to continue to serve their community.

Proposition III requests community approval for the purchase of two 72-passenger buses, one 7-passenger van, and one stake-rack plow truck. Inflation is absolutely having an effect on the prices for these purchases, however we have a healthy transportation reserve and our transportation expenses are 90% reimbursable by the State so this proposition will have no effect on the tax levy.

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 2023

Proposed Budget for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

BUDGET FACTS:
Proposed Expenditure increase of 6.96% or \$1,348,825
Proposed increase in tax levy = 1.343%

| Public Hearing for Budget | Annual Budget Vote |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, May 9, 2023 5:00 PM | Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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 16, 2023

PROPOSITION I: BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School be authorized to expend the sum of \$20,727,836 for the 2023 -2024 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.
- ◆ Two (2) five-year terms are open.
- ◆ Candidates include the following:

Charles Grant
Katie Logan

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, one (1) 7-passenger van, and one (1) stake-rack truck to expend therefore an aggregate sum, not to exceed \$525,000; 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 and vehicles 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 \$525,000, to fund the cost of the buses and vehicles to issue obligations of the District not to exceed that amount to finance the purchase of the buses and vehicles 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 2023 Honor Graduates

The Class of 2023 Honor Graduates will be recognized at the June 14, 2023 Honors Banquet, to be held at 6:00 pm, Madrid-Waddington Central School.

Summa Cum Laude

Molly Bogart
Caeleigh Burke
Sarah Fitzgerald
Olivia Grandy
Shelby Milburn
Natalia Pearson
Grace Plumley
Lane Ruddy

Magna Cum Laude

Alaina Armstrong
Alexis Cole
Isabella Grant
Ava Rutherford

Cum Laude

Hailee Blair
Emma Dawley
Reese Fuller
Noah Haenel
Tori Keegan
Silas Kent
Ella Kitzman
Robert Pemberton
Matthew Reed
Tanner Smith
Lacey Sullivan

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**

Charles Grant...I would like to ask for your support as I am running for a second term 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 graduated in 2019 and Isabella is a senior this year 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 in the district. I was born and raised in Potsdam, graduating from Potsdam Central School in 1989. After high school I joined the US Airforce. 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 fields. I am currently employed at Cazenovia equipment and am the branch manager for the company. I have been employed by John Deere for over 18 years. I have always enjoyed giving back to the community. I have coached t-ball, pitch softball, and helped out at the rink in Madrid for several years. I served for almost 20 years in the Madrid Fire Department and held multiple positions within the department to 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 most of that time. 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 would be an asset to the district and provide an open mind to issues faced every day by students, teachers, parents, and taxpayers. I would like to thank you for your support over the past years and would like to ask for your vote in the upcoming election. Thank you and I am looking forward to serving the District for another term.

Katie Logan....I am happy to announce that I am running for a second term on the Madrid-Waddington School Board. I am a lifelong resident of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District and parent of two recent graduates. I know how important our school is to the community. Our school is not only a place for our children to learn, but also a place for them to socialize, play sports and participate in clubs, have a hot meal, and to feel safe and cared for. As a member of the School Board, I am looking forward to continuing to work with the administration, faculty, parents, and community members to ensure the best possible education and school experience for our children.

Thank you

Mean Girls



Mean Girls Cast

Front row (l. to r.): Rileigh Stebbins, Aoife Burke, Violet Foster, Harlie George, Danika Sheffield, Grace Plumley, Lydia Baxter, Ava Rutherford, Ben Weaver;
Second row (l to r.): Zoey French, Hunter wman, Alan Boswell, Sophia Rogers, Caeleigh Burke, Matt Reed; Back row (l. to r.): Larry Blakemore, Ella Kitzman,
Eddie Miller, Elliott Woodward, Gavin Niles, Kolby Todd, Murphy Burke, Cass Caswell, Quinn Sabre, Faith Schulz, Kadence Bowman



Stage Crew:

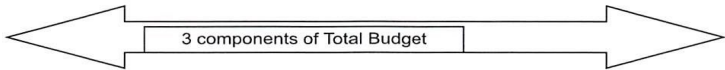
Bottom row (l. to r.): Cole Smith, Mrs. Perrine, Tyree Hawkins, Lane Ruddy. Second row (l. to r.): Molly Bogart, Izzy Grant, Jaden Ashley, Alexis Cole, Grace Mayette, Lacey Sullivan Third row (l. to r.) : Olivia Grandy, Tori Keegan; Fourth row Sarah Fitzgerald; Top row (l. to r.): William Moots, Hayden Amo, Jakob Mayette, Kyle Murphy, Jack Bailey, Troy Peck, Ryan Mayette



Pre-Production Crew

Bottom row (l. to r.): Lucy R., Kaelyn T., Niccole S., Hannah P., Julia P., Aria R., Iylah P., Alysha M., Zaria D., Abigail S., Alianna S.. Second row (l. to r.): Liam C., Lillian B., Lily O., Alyvia L., Cristian B., Marissa L., Lilly B., Aubrey P.;. Top row (l. to r.): Mrs. Perrine, Madison L., Emma D., Colby B., Junior L., Hailey H. Hope D., Abigail F., Kayla O., Phebe G., Aidan B., Georgia B., Alaina O., Darien T., Mrs. VanPatten

Madrid-Waddington Central School District
3 Part Budget for 2023-2024



| FUNCTION | 2023-2024 Budget | Administrative | Program | Capital |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Board of Education | \$ 123,786 | \$ 123,786 | | |
| Central Administration | \$ 167,719 | \$ 167,719 | | |
| Finance | \$ 263,659 | \$ 263,659 | | |
| Legal Services | \$ 25,000 | \$ 12,500 | \$ 12,500 | |
| Personnel/Staff | \$ 25,353 | \$ 25,353 | | |
| Operation of Plant | \$ 667,958 | | | \$ 667,958 |
| Maintenance of Plant | \$ 401,863 | | | \$ 401,863 |
| Other Central Services | \$ 456,959 | \$ 456,959 | | |
| Other Special Items | \$ 707,850 | \$ 507,552 | | \$ 200,298 |
| Curr. Dev. & Supervision | \$ 38,123 | \$ 38,123 | | |
| Supervision Reg. School | \$ 301,418 | \$ 301,418 | | |
| Research & Planning | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | | |
| Instruction | \$ 8,775,384 | | \$ 8,775,384 | |
| Other District Transp. | \$ 1,000,912 | \$ 77,550 | \$ 923,362 | |
| Garage Building | \$ 74,600 | | \$ 74,600 | |
| Contract Transportation | \$ 15,000 | | \$ 15,000 | |
| Community Service | \$ 37,863 | | \$ 37,863 | |
| Employee Benefits | \$ 5,519,661 | \$ 114,427 | \$ 5,092,013 | \$ 313,221 |
| Debt Service | \$ 1,254,728 | | | \$ 1,254,728 |
| Other Transfers | \$ 850,000 | | \$ 125,000 | \$ 725,000 |
| | \$ 20,727,836 | \$ 2,109,046 | \$ 15,055,722 | \$ 3,563,068 |
| % of Total | 100.00% | 10.17% | 72.64% | 17.19% |



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|----------------|---------------|
| Administrative | \$ 2,109,046 |
| Program | \$ 15,055,722 |
| Capital | \$ 3,563,068 |
| TOTAL | \$ 20,727,836 |

The proposed educational spending plan for the upcoming school year at Madrid-Waddington represents a spending increase of 6.96% or \$1,348,825. Our operation will require a tax rate of 1.343%, less than the maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.93%.

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 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 | \$ 19,379,010 | \$ 20,727,836 | \$ 20,664,329 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year | | \$ 1,348,825 | \$ 1,285,318 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | 6.96 % | 6.63% | | | | | | | | | | |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 1.02% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | \$ 4,730,251 | \$ 4,793,758 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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) | \$ 4,730,251 | \$ 4,793,758 | \$ 4,730,251 | | | | | | | | | | |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions | \$0 | \$0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$ 4,744,251 | \$ 4,857,900 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D) | \$ 4,730,251 | \$ 4,793,758 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** | \$ 14,000 | \$ 64,142 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Component | \$ 2,144,530 | \$ 2,109,046 | \$ 2,109,046 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Program Component | \$14,454,828 | \$15,055,723 | \$14,992,216 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Component | \$ 2,779,653 | \$ 3,563,068 | \$ 3,563,068 | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 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> <div><div>** 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)</div><table><thead><tr><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Purchase of 2 Buses, 1 van and 1 stake-rack truck</td><td>\$ 525,000</td></tr><tr><td>Capital Outlay Project</td><td>\$100,000</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table></div> | | | | Description | Amount | Purchase of 2 Buses, 1 van and 1 stake-rack truck | \$ 525,000 | Capital Outlay Project | \$100,000 | | | | |
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| Purchase of 2 Buses, 1 van and 1 stake-rack truck | \$ 525,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 2023-24 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$467

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 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 16, 2023 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 2023-2024 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.