

# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note From Dr. G: SPECIAL BUDGET EDITION



### Educating Students Today for Endless Possibilities Tomorrow

Our school budget builds on the strong foundation that already exists in Mount Pleasant. The vision of our strategic plan carries us forward. This year's budget supports all facets of our programming district-wide as well as our physical spaces. The mailed Budget Newsletter hit mailboxes this week. Please take some time to read it and make a plan to vote on Tuesday.

Some highlights of this budget include:

- a new Career Research Academy at WHS
- expansion of American Sign Language
- the addition of JV Boys & Girls Tennis and Freshman Basketball
- the continuation of major upgrades to the John S. Whearty Theatre at WHS
- increased support for our health offices.
- a full-time SRO and other recommendations from our safety and security audit.
- modernizing 12 classrooms across all four schools
- curriculum adoptions and enhancements in: Mathematics K-5, Computer Science 6-12, Vocabulary 6-8, Reading/Writing K-5, World Languages, and Student Care & Wellness K-12.
- equipment for the new turf fields

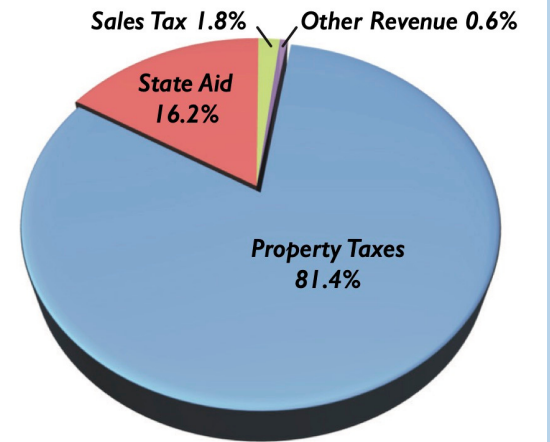
### What's on the Ballot?

A tax-cap compliant budget in the amount of \$74,520,219 representing an estimated tax rate increase of 0.9% and a tax levy increase of 1.92%.

The 2023-2024 budget marks the 12th consecutive year that Mount Pleasant Central School District has presented a tax-cap compliant budget to voters.

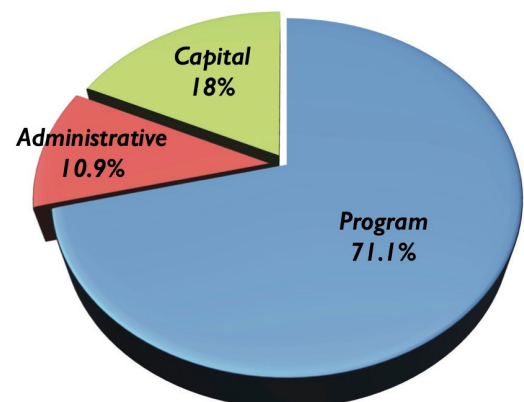
TWO candidates running for two open seats: Sara Beaty and Laura Michalec Olszewski.

### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



\*Use of Fund Balance 0.0%

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

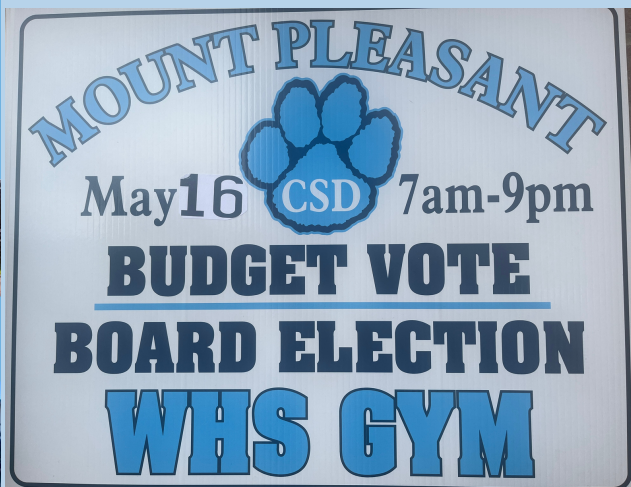


HAWTHORNE AND COLUMBUS STUDENTS  
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!  
TUESDAY, MAY 16 AT WHS GYM  
KID VOTE FROM 3 PM TO 9 PM

Hawthorne  
MAGICIAN OR BUBBLE BUS



Columbus  
DUNK DR. G OR ICE CREAM TRUCK



### Your budget questions answered

**Q:** How does our tax rate compare with surrounding districts?

**A:** Per \$1000 of assessed value, Mount Pleasant tax payers have a lower tax rate than five other surrounding towns including Tarrytown, Chappaqua, Briarcliff Manor, Pleasantville, and Valhalla. This has been consistent for several years.

**Q:** Is this budget compliant with the Tax Cap?

**A:** YES. The proposed budget is tax cap compliant for the 12th consecutive year. Mt. Pleasant Central School District's proposed tax levy increase is 1.92%, which is the maximum amount allowable under the tax cap formula. When a budget is tax cap compliant, a "simple majority" of voters (50% plus one) is required for the budget to pass. If the District proposed a tax levy that exceeded the tax cap, it would require approval by a "supermajority" (60% or more) of voters.