

I am excited to announce that the Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD Board of Education has adopted a 2018-2019 budget that supports the district’s vision and mission, advances strategic goals for the coming year, and makes responsible and respectful use of the hard-earned resources of the Midlakes community. We remain committed to helping our children to become learners and leaders who are college or career-ready and demonstrate the skills necessary to thrive in a global society.

## Superintendent’s Message

Following an initial state budget proposal that caused substantial concern about educational funding, New York State ultimately adopted an on-time budget that included increased financial support for the Phelps-Clifton Spring CSD. While state aid allocations continue to fall short of the established Foundation Aid formula, we appreciate the efforts of our state legislators to secure more funding. We are grateful to Senator Helming and Assemblyman Kolb for their continued support of our district and their determined advocacy for our region.

Over the past few years, because of the restoration of the Gap Elimination Adjustment funds withheld from schools, our district had the opportunity to restore programs and make improvements that were not previously feasible from a financial perspective. Since this one-time restoration of state funding has already been made, we must work with more modest increases in state funding this year and anticipate similar challenges in the future. Accordingly, we have been thoughtful in our consideration of additions to our budget and strategic in our approach to meeting the needs of our students. Subsequently, some items that were originally considered early in the budget process have not been included in the final budget. These items will be retained for future consideration, as we continue to look for opportunities to enrich the programs available to our students. Listed below are the goals that guided the decision-making process that produced the 2018-2019 budget adopted by the Board of Education. This budget successfully maintains all current programs while focusing on a few key areas for improvement.

1. The development and implementation of curriculum and instruction that advances achievement and makes academic success and college and career readiness attainable for all students. 2. The advancement of a safe and nurturing environment that provides for the social, emotional, and psychological well-being of all students within the educational setting. 3. The creation of career development opportunities that prepare all students to compete and thrive in a global society and create access to meaningful pathways after high school. 4. The strategic use of non-instructional staff to maximize the impact of district programs and the use of achievement data to empower students and staff to perform at the highest level. 5. The creation of a robust communication plan and redesigned website that provide stakeholders with easy and transparent access to important information, highlight our students’ work and achievements, and advance the growth and stature of the school district and our community. These goals have led us to prioritize the following elements of the 2018-2019 budget:

- Organizational Realignment to Prioritize Curriculum, Instruction, and Communication – For many years, following the reduction of administrative positions for budgetary reasons, the position of Director of Curriculum & Instruction has been responsible for the extensive data reporting work required by the NYS Education Department, limiting the time available to lead the continued development of our academic programs. Likewise, other staffing limitations have led our website to become significantly outdated and we have not maintained our capacity to be transparent and communicate effectively with our stakeholders. By redistributing funds made available by not replacing a non-instructional position vacated through retirement, reassigning these duties within the organization, and removing some one-time items from the budget, we are able to address these needs without adding costs.
- Part-time Shared Data Coordinator- This .5 position, which is eligible for BOCES aid, will enable us to restore focus to the position of Director of Curriculum & Instruction, fulfill our state data reporting requirements, and use achievement data to promote student success.
- Communications Coordinator - This civil service position will enable us to build and maintain a more modern website and develop our capacity to provide important information to students, parents, staff, and community members.
- Social Worker – We currently have two Social Workers (K-6 and 7-12) who carry large caseloads and work extremely hard to meet the growing mental health needs within the district. By adding a Social Worker position and realigning grade level assignments, we can provide more support and further promote a safe and nurturing environment for all students.
- CTE/Career Development Teacher – Requirements from the NYS Education Department and the changing employment landscape have increased our obligation to provide strategic career development opportunities to our students. By adding a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher position at the Middle/High School level, we will be able to expand and create programs that enable students to develop employable skills, explore career paths, and make informed decisions for the future.

We are excited that the 2018-2019 budget maintains the improvements made in recent years and builds our capacity to advance student achievement, safety, and career opportunities. By focusing on a few key areas of growth, we have remained responsible to our taxpayers with a tax levy impact of 1.9%, less than half of our calculated tax cap (3.86%). With annual educational funding always in doubt and difficult budgets a realistic possibility in the years ahead, we have made a concerted effort to be prudent, conservative, and future-minded in developing this budget.

Thank you to all members of the Midlakes community for your continued support as we work together to build bright futures for our students.

*Matthew Fickles*  
Superintendent of Schools

Midlakes School Budget  
Information Inside

Budget Hearing -  
May 7, 2018 6:00 pm at MPS

Midlakes 2018 - 2019  
School Budget Vote  
May 15, 2018  
Noon to 9:00 pm at MMS gym

Lacrosse Boosters  
Chicken Barbeque  
May 15  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

in MMS  
parking lot  
\$10 per ticket



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### NEHS and Dr. Seuss

This year on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2nd (postponed to March 9th due to the snow day), NEHS members arrived in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade classrooms to read a Dr. Seuss book of their choice and also to give students Cat in the Hat "READ" tattoos.

At the Seussville Carnival, NEHS members created the scary and fun "Grinch's Lair" in the Makerspace room. The sign out front of the tunnel into the Lair said "Beware the Grinch's Lair-Come in if you Dare!" Students even had the chance to meet the Grinch (played by 6th graders Lily Frederick and Olivia Miles), and his dog Max (played by Lilly Hargarther) and receive the Grinch's autograph on a certificate stating "I survived the Grinch's Lair."

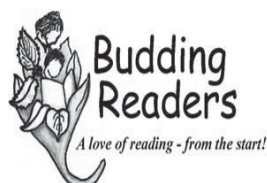
Judging from the number of glow bracelets given out, more than 300 kids did dare to go into the Lair. Many reported that it was their favorite activity at the carnival. Good job NEHS!

### Books, Books, Books

Second grade students are enjoying the many opportunities they have visiting the book shop and swap table in the hall. Students are given chances to borrow books of interest from the book table. They then can choose to keep the book if they love it or swap it for a different book. If students have a book at home, they also can bring it in to swap it for a different book any day! It's a fun and motivational book-lending library for our students!



Book donations are needed!! If you have children's books that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the Midlakes Primary School. You can bring them to room 203 or leave them in the main office for Donna Aceto.



### Free Books For Your Baby!!!

Midlakes parents of babies under 12 months old can receive a bundle of free books and a parent guidebook by contacting the Budding Readers Program.

Email: [midlakes@buddingreaders.org](mailto:midlakes@buddingreaders.org) Phone: Janice at 315-462-3217  
Web Site: [www.buddingreaders.org](http://www.buddingreaders.org)

### Midlakes Pool Program

MIDLAKES SWIM CAMP: Grades 3-6

Dates: May 7-May 17 (Mon-Th) No camp on May 15.

Transportation to pool is provided

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm (Please have students picked up by 5:00)

Cost: \$60.00 per child

Questions or concerns: 315-548-6451 or [jhauber@midlakes.org](mailto:jhauber@midlakes.org)

POOL SUMMER SWIM PROGRAMS 2018:

Session I: July 9 - July 20 (Mon-Fri 9:00-11:00)

Session II: July 23 - Aug. 3 (Mon-Fri 9:00-11:00)

Lessons range between 30 minutes and one hour long. The classes are designed to accommodate participants of all abilities: Water babies to Level 6. Adult lessons available upon request. YMCA swim club information: call Todd Freelove at 462-6184 or [tfreelove@csaymca.org](mailto:tfreelove@csaymca.org) For complete class descriptions and registration form please refer to the school website: [www.midlakes.org](http://www.midlakes.org) and click on athletics, aquatics center or call the pool office at 315-548-6451.

ONGOING POOL PROGRAMS (current - Aug. 3):

Water Aerobics-Mon, Wed, Fri 7:30-8:30 am; Tues,Thurs 7-8 pm

Open Swim - Wed, Fri 6:00-8:00 pm

Lap Swim - Mon 6:30-8:00 pm; Tues - Fri 8-9:00 pm;  
Mon, Wed, Fri 6:30-7:30 am

Birthday parties are scheduled for Saturdays between 12:00 and 4:00. Please call to make a reservation. PLEASE NOTE: Any child twelve and under using the pool facility during evening hours, must be accompanied by an adult. No exceptions.

### Kindergarten Royal Tea & Dance

On Wednesday, February 14, kindergarten students celebrated their



new knowledge of kings and queens at a Royal Tea and Dance. The students dressed up in their finest, most royal attire and learned about polite behavior at an etiquette class. The children enjoyed cookies and lemonade at a Royal Tea and they showed off their

new dance moves at a Royal Dance. It was a merry time for all!



### Midlakes Graduate of Distinction Program

Congratulations to Kathleen Scudder (Class of 1992), Patrol Agent in charge of the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station located in California; James Cheney (Class of 1981), Principal owner of James E. Cheney CPA, PLLC and Co-owner of Phelps Mercantile located in Phelps New York; and Theodore Mullen (honorary inductee), a retired science teacher in the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District. The Graduate of Distinction Program was established for the purpose of recognizing alumni of Midlakes High School who have achieved distinction through outstanding accomplishments or lifetime achievements and sharing these with the collective community. This program serves to honor alumni contributions and to inspire current and future Midlakes students. An induction ceremony with hors d'oeuvres reception will be held at Warfield's Restaurant in Clifton Springs on May 4th beginning at 4:00 pm. The Graduate of Distinction program honors graduates of Midlakes who have made significant contributions to society. Applications and details are available in the district office and on our website at [www.midlakes.org](http://www.midlakes.org).

### Midlakes-Canandaigua Robotics Team

This past Fall the Canandaigua Academy Robotics team: 3003, Tan[x], invited Midlakes high school students and staff to join their team. Four students and one teacher from Midlakes joined the twenty students and ten mentors from Canandaigua Academy. From October through December, the team focused on preparing for the upcoming build season and competitions to follow.

After FIRST robotics announced the challenge for the 2018 competitions on January 6th, Tan[x] 3003 got to work building their robot. Students worked together to strategize and design, build, program, and test a robot. Our robot can pick up and launch power cubes, the main game piece which is similar to a milk crate encased in nylon cloth. Our robot can also lift itself and another robot off the ground. These things are integral to being successful in competition. Throughout the build season students spent long hours perfecting their robot and preparing for two competitions in March.

On March 1st seventeen students from the team traveled to the FIRST Central New York regional at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica to compete against 34 other teams. Students worked on Friday to learn about other teams and their robots, make final adjustments to the robot, and make sure the robot would pass inspection. All day Saturday and Sunday morning students worked tirelessly to compete in qualifying matches and to collect data on other teams' robots. By the last qualifying match Tan[x] placed 4th out of 35 teams and therefore got to invite other teams to form an alliance and compete in the quarter-final matches. Tan[x] formed an alliance with team 2016, Mighty Monkey Wrenches, from Ewing, NJ and team 639, Code Red Robotics, from Ithaca, NY. Together, the three-team alliance made it to the semi-finals.

From March 15th through 17th, our team competed against 49 other teams in the FIRST Finger Lakes Regional at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Tan[x] formed an alliance with team 3838, Roc City Robotix, from Rochester, NY and team 378, The Circuit Stompers, from Newfane, NY. This alliance advanced to the quarter-finals.

Back home now, we are already planning and preparing for the 2018-2019 season. Please contact Monique Jones at [mjones@midlakes.org](mailto:mjones@midlakes.org) if you are interested in joining Tan[x] 3003.

### Important Health Notice

In preparation for the 2018-2019 school year we would like to remind parents that students entering 6th and 7th grade need to be up to date on immunizations according to the New York State Immunizations Requirements.

Each student entering 6th grade must show proof of 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox) immunization and an updated Pertussis (whooping cough/tDap) immunization.

Students entering 7th grade must show proof of a Meningococcal vaccine. Proof of immunization forms can be forwarded to your child's School Nurse at any time between now and the start of the new school year. Please contact your child's physician regarding this documentation. Your physician may also discuss other immunizations that are recommended but optional for your child's age group.

If you have questions regarding these immunizations, please contact Mrs. Carlson RN, MIS School Nurse, at 315-548-6920 or [pcarlson@midlakes.org](mailto:pcarlson@midlakes.org), or Mrs. Cayer RN, MMS School Nurse, at 315-548-6320 or [gcayer@midlakes.org](mailto:gcayer@midlakes.org).

Thank you for your attention to this important health matter.



SPECIAL BUDGET NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM : THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT, RYAN DAVIS

One year ago, the Board of Education had a unique opportunity to reach out to our community members and ask what they thought would be the most important characteristics in the selection of a new Superintendent of Schools. Well over one hundred community members filled out surveys and volunteered their time to aid us in the selection process. Our faculty and staff were also asked to freely share their thoughts to help shape our future. Students, teachers, administrators, and community members provided their input on what they hoped our new leadership would be. During this process the board realized that the information gathered should not be filed away once the selection of Superintendent was made but rather utilize the information given to help guide us as we build towards that vision. A major building block is the careful budgeting of taxpayer dollars and the decisions made on how to utilize that money to provide the best education possible for our kids.

With that in mind, the Board of Education is pleased to present the 2018-19 school budget. Once again, we are excited to announce a fourth straight year of program expansion while staying well below the mandated tax cap. This year we do not have the luxury of the restoration of the Gap Elimination Adjustment, but because of sound long-term fiscal policy and strong advocacy from our state representatives we will be able to add some exciting new opportunities for our students and provide a better service to our community.

Your overwhelming input told us that the two things you found most important were 1) Meaningful curriculum to better prepare our students and 2) Clear transparent communication with our community members. This year's budget strives to answer both of those requests. First, the addition of a CTE/ Career Development Teacher directly answers our mission to better prepare our students for both career and college. We will also be adding a Shared Data Coordinator which will help us streamline our process and free administrative time to focus on providing more opportunity for our entire student body.

The other area of importance that you hoped we would address would be better and more transparent communication. With that in mind, we are pleased to create the position of Communication Coordinator. This person will be charged with building and maintaining our website. They will also help us expand our ability to share the many exciting things our kids are involved in with those that already live in our wonderful community as well as those looking for a new home.

We are also very aware of the many challenges facing our youth today, and because of these challenges, we will add another social worker to better provide for the growing needs of our students and families.

As always, we look forward to your support and remind you to please VOTE on Tuesday, May 15.

Ryan Davis - Board of Education President

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q: Are there budget cuts this year?

A: No. This budget does not contain any cuts to programs, services, or staff.
- Q: Does this budget rely on fund balances and reserves:

A: Yes. To balance the budget, the District appropriated \$150,000 from the Employees’ Retirement System Reserve.
- Q: Will there be a tax increase with this budget?

A: This budget includes a tax levy increase of 1.90%, which is below half of the maximum allowable tax levy threshold of 3.86%.
- Q: Why is there a proposition to fund community libraries on the ballot each year?

A: The community library boards petition the school’s Board of Education each year asking them to include the proposition

PROPOSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON

PROPOSITION 1 - SCHOOL BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District is authorized to expend the total amount of \$35,663,597 during the school year 2018-2019, and to levy the necessary tax, therefore, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.

PROPOSITION 2 - BUS PURCHASES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) 65 passenger school buses, one (1) 19 passenger bus, and (1) Chevy 2500 SUV at a total maximum cost not to exceed \$334,476 and to pay such sum or so much as may be necessary from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund.

PROPOSITION 3 - FUNDING COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District is hereby authorized to assess and levy upon the taxable property of the District the sum of \$142,912 annually to be contributed to the support of the Clifton Springs Library in the amount of \$71,456 and to the Phelps Community Memorial Library in the amount of \$71,456 and pay over said amounts to the trustees of those libraries.

VOTER INFORMATION

BUDGET HEARING

Monday, May 7, 2018  
6:00 p.m. Midlakes Primary  
School Board Room

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
Noon until 9:00 p.m.  
Midlakes Middle School Gym

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Resident of the district for 30 days  
Citizen of the United States  
Minimum of 18 years of age

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- ~ Applications for absentee ballots are available at the office of the School District Clerk or by calling 548-6423.
- ~ All applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the school district vote on May 15, 2018, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally.
- ~ Absentee ballots must reach the office of the school District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2018.

Board of Education Candidates

Residents will be asked to elect three members to the Board of Education. The three people receiving the highest number of votes, including write-ins, will earn seats, effective July 1, 2018. The seats are now occupied by: Sara Bruzee, Kim Skellie and Amber Wilkes. The following candidates have submitted a petition, and their names will appear on the ballot in this order as determined by drawing lot.

- Kim Skellie** - 5407 Bell Rd., Newark, NY. Family: Wife, two daughters and one son. Career: Dairy farmer. Experience/Involvement: Board of Education member for three years and previous work in education at Cornell with high school and college students as well as adults. He is Ontario Cty Farm Bureau President, a former 4H leader and currently vice-pres. of the BOE. Why serve and what are your goals: Kim is interested in helping Midlakes be the school district of choice when people are looking for a community to raise a family. He also feels we must be frugal with taxpayer funds and resourceful in finding ways to build top programs of choice.
- Amber Wilkes** - 1210 W. Townline Rd., Phelps, NY. Family: Husband, two daughters and a son. Career: AIS Math & Reading Teacher gr. K-4 Geneva CSD. Experience/Involvement: Board of Education member for three years, Hall of Distinction committee member, School BOE Policy Committee member, previous BOE Health Committee member, elementary educator and active member in last year’s Superintendent search. Why serve and what are your goals: The experience I have gained over the past three years allows me to better understand the inner-workings of the school and the school budget process. My background not only allows me to view issues as a parent and taxpayer, but also as an educator. With an extended family that owns several properties in the district, I understand the need to be fiscally responsible. My goal as a BOE member is to be part of a team that creates a safe & positive learning culture for both students and staff, where both feel the empowerment to grow as learners.
- Todd Freelove** – 2757 Tileyard Rd., Clifton Springs, NY. Family: Wife, one son and one daughter. Career: CEO of the Clifton Springs YMCA. Experience/Involvement: Current mbr of the Phelps-Clifton Spgs Rotary Club, VP of Heather S. Allen Mem. Scholarship Committee, committee member of Midlakes Athletic Hall of Fame, Asst. Coach of Midalkes Var. Basketball 2017-18, and Asst. Coach Midlakes Var. Baseball 2015. Todd has 2 children currently enrolled in the school district. He is a long-time community member and knows the community well. Working for the YMCA, Todd has developed strong fiscal management skills paired with conservative fiscal philosophy. He possesses a strong business sense coupled with outstanding interpersonal skills and a desire to become actively involved in the BOE. Why serve and what are your goals: He wants to help build & maintain optimism and confidence by helping to educate community members about our school. As a Board member, Todd wants to ensure the BOE commits to a vision for the school district that emphasizes high expectations for achievement of all students and quality instruction and that accountability is taking place.
- Tracy Altman** - 1022 Burnett Rd., Phelps, NY. Family: Husband and two sons. Career: School Counselor. Experience/Involvement: Parent volunteer for YMCA swim program, involved in Midlakes PTO and a Track & Field official. Have worked in a neighboring school district for 12 years. An alumni of Midlakes and parent of two Midlakes students. Why serve and what are your goals: I hope to be able to help strengthen the quality education the district is providing. I plan to help advocate both locally and at the state level for adequate mental health & comprehensive school counseling supports to ensure the development of well-adjusted, contributing members of our community and society.

Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not including Separate Propositions	\$36,358,538	\$35,663,597	\$35,388,335
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		-\$694,941	-\$970,203
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		-1.91%	-2.67%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$13,921,444	\$14,185,951	
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)	\$13,921,444	\$14,185,951	\$13,910,689
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	0	0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$14,212,358	\$14,459,016	
H. Total Proposed School year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$13,921,444	\$14,185,951	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$290,914	\$273,065	

Administrative Component	\$3,226,057	\$3,394,298	\$3,277,798
Program Component	\$26,779,119	\$27,694,431	\$27,545,669
Capital Component	\$6,353,361	\$4,574,868	\$4,564,868

\*Provide a statement 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. In the event of an unsuccessful budget vote, there would need to be cuts totaling \$275,262. Items such as non-essential equipment and public use of buildings would also be removed from a defeated budget.

\*\*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 two (2) 65 passenger buses , one (1) 19 passenger bus & one (1) Chevy 2500 SUV	\$ 334,476

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$705.89

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 by the qualified voters of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District, Ontario County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Midlakes Middle School Gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machines.

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



Budget Category Summary

	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Proposed Budget	Dollar change	Percentage of change
Board of Education	53,120	54,006	886	1.7%
Central Administration	179,480	178,056	-1,424	-0.8%
Finance	501,788	538,154	36,366	7.2%
Legal Services	61,000	61,000	0	0.0%
Personnel	17,134	14,765	-2,369	-13.8%
Public Information Services	5,000	70,000	65,000	1300.0%
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	1,764,386	1,784,164	19,778	1.1%
Central Services	315,768	289,255	-26,513	-8.4%
Special Items	380,849	388,150	7,301	1.9%
Curriculum Development & Supervision	1,082,560	1,008,469	-74,092	-6.8%
Teaching - Regular School	7,559,308	7,724,141	164,833	2.2%
Programs - Special Education	6,075,687	6,666,444	590,757	9.7%
Occupational Education & Special Schools	556,663	593,175	36,512	6.6%
School Library & Audiovisual	167,569	172,395	4,826	2.9%
Computer Assisted Instruction	1,329,250	1,330,354	1,104	0.1%
Pupil Services	1,260,474	1,379,524	119,050	9.4%
District Transportation	1,492,741	1,521,703	28,962	1.9%
Civic Activities	97,174	98,784	1,610	1.7%
Employee Benefits	9,189,912	9,441,457	251,545	2.7%
Debt Service	3,963,675	2,144,600	-1,819,075	-45.9%
Transfer of Other Funds	305,000	205,000	-100,000	-32.8%
Total Estimated Expenditures	36,358,538	35,663,597	-694,941	-1.9%

BUDGET CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is the policy-making body for the school district. Major responsibilities include providing policy direction, conducting district business at Board meetings, and addressing issues associated with negotiations, legislative proposals and school finance. Board members attend workshops sponsored by New York State School Boards Association and the Four County School Boards Association. Newly elected members are required to attend Fiscal Training during the first year of term. Board members serve without pay. Salary for the District Clerk and related supplies and contractual fees are also presented here.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$53,120	\$54,006	\$886	1.7%

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

The Superintendent serves by contract with the Board and is responsible for all district operations, decisions pertaining to them, carrying out district policy and is evaluated annually by the Board of Education. Salaries of the Superintendent and central clerical staff are presented here.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$179,480	\$178,056	-\$1,424	-0.8%

FINANCE

The salaries of the Business Administrator and secretary, as well as equipment, supplies and services pertaining to the operation of the Business Office are presented here. Activities include tax collection, purchasing, and fiscal operations. Accounts Payable, Payroll and Treasurer were moved to the BOCES Central Business Office in 2012-13 and will continue to operate from there. The positions remaining in the Business Office include the Business Administrator and one secretary. The move to the BOCES Central Business Office generates BOCES aid.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$501,788	\$538,154	\$36,366	7.2%

LEGAL SERVICES

This category includes legal services of the school attorney. The district contracts with two firms on an hourly basis.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$61,000	\$61,000	\$0	0.0%

PERSONNEL

Recruitment, fingerprinting and an employee assistance program are included here. The District uses a BOCES service for online web recruitment for open positions. This service produces BOCES Aid.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$17,134	\$14,765	-\$2,369	-13.8%

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES

This category includes district newsletter, other district communication and printing expenses. The addition to this portion of the budget is a full-time Communications Coordinator.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$5,000	\$70,000	\$65,000	1300.0%

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

The salaries of the maintenance and grounds personnel and costs of supplies and maintenance of all school buildings are presented in this category.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$1,764,386	\$1,784,164	\$19,778	1.1%

CENTRAL SERVICES

This category includes the district’s administrative data processing services and printing services purchased thru BOCES. These expenditures generate BOCES aid.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$315,768	\$289,255	-\$26,513	-8.4%

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

This category includes the district’s insurance policies that include general liability, property, maintenance vehicles, and umbrella coverage. Also included are dues for various organizations such as the New York State School Board Association and the Four County School Boards Association. Also included is the district’s share of the cost of the administrative operation and the capital cost of the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$380,849	\$388,150	\$7,301	1.9%

**CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & SUPERVISION**

The salaries of the Director for Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Instructional Technology and Data, building principals, clerical staff and the operational costs of the office are presented here. This area also includes services to improve our instructional program, changes in required educational programs, i.e., assessments, Regents requirements, New York State standards, new teacher training, staff development, and curriculum writing projects. The decrease is due to anticipated reduced costs in year 2 of our personalized learning initiative.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$1,082,560	\$1,008,469	-\$74,092	-6.8%

**TEACHING – REGULAR SCHOOL**

Instructional salaries, equipment, materials, supplies and textbooks, BOCES service charges for regular education students and other services appear here. The District employs approximately 170 teachers and teaching assistants, teaching about 1550 children each school day.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$7,559,308	\$7,724,141	\$164,833	2.2%

**PROGRAMS – STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

All special education, instructional and non-instructional salaries are presented in this category. Special equipment, materials, supplies, out-of-district student placements and training are part of this program. Program expenditures provide services to our students with disabilities, pursuant to Federal law. We address the needs of over 300 school age children in this federally and state mandated program. The 2018-19 budget includes the addition of a full-time CTE/Career Development teaching position.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$6,075,687	\$6,666,444	\$590,757	9.7%

**OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION**

This category includes BOCES occupational education programs.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$556,663	\$593,175	\$36,512	6.6%

**SCHOOL LIBRARY & AUDIOVISUAL**

School library and the District audiovisual resources provide a wide variety of materials and programs. The district purchases library books and magazines and shares the cost for access to the BOCES library of resources from this category.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$167,569	172,395	\$4,826	2.9%

**COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION**

Funds are allocated to integrate technology into the curriculum. Salaries include the Technology Coordinator, Wide Area Network Manager, and two technicians, along with BOCES instructional network services, and state aided hardware and software purchases. The majority of the above services are purchased through BOCES and are eligible for state aid. The 2018-19 budget includes the addition of a half-time Data Coordinator shared through BOCES and the elimination of a full-time Wide Area Network position due to attrition.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$1,329,250	\$1,330,354	\$1,104	0.1%

**PUPIL SERVICES**

This category includes guidance counselors, nurses, psychologists, and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and athletic programs. The 2018-19 budget includes the addition of a full-time Social Worker position.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$1,260,474	\$1,379,524	\$119,050	9.4%

**DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**

This item includes the cost of operating and maintaining our bus fleet. Transportation for field trips, athletics, co-curricular activities, BOCES classes, handicapped programs and eligible non-public school transportation are presented here. Our vehicles travel approximately 500,000 miles each year.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$1,492,741	\$1,521,703	\$28,962	1.9%

**CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

This category includes salaries of the aquatics director and life guards.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$97,174	\$98,784	\$1,610	1.7%

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

- State Retirement – This expense is calculated as a percentage of salaries for all support staff (bus drivers, aides, monitors, custodians, mechanics, secretaries).
- Teacher Retirement – This expense is calculated as a percentage of salaries for all instructional staff (teachers, substitutes, administrators).
- Social Security – The expense is calculated as a percentage of all staff salaries.
- Workers’ Compensation, Unemployment Insurance – The district provides unemployment benefits and compensation benefits as required by law.
- Health Insurance – The premiums for health insurance are budgeted here.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$9,189,912	\$9,441,457	\$251,545	2.7%

**DEBT SERVICE**

Funds here are used to retire capital bonds, interest on revenue anticipation notes, bond anticipation notes and installment payments. The reduction is due to the retiring of capital project debt.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$3,963,675	\$2,144,600	-\$1,819,075	-45.9%

**TRANSFER OF OTHER FUNDS**

Funds transferred to other funds presented in this category include the local share of the summer handicapped program and the subsidy for the school cafeteria program. The 2018-19 budget removed the \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project.

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$305,000	\$205,000	-\$100,000	-32.8%

**TOTAL BUDGET**

2017-18	2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
\$36,358,538	\$35,663,597	-\$694,941	-1.9%





Middle/High School News

NEWS FROM MIDLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PSO

SENIORS - You're almost there! Keep those grades up! Colleges will request a final transcript! Good luck!!

JUNIORS and SOPHOMORES - Be sure to get out and start visiting colleges this summer! Be sure to take the most rigorous courses you can manage. See your counselor now if you need to make any changes to your schedule for next year.

2018 Valedictorian Makenzie Kommer

Makenzie Kommer, daughter of Michael and Lari Kommer from the Town of Manchester, NY. Makenzie has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship and plans to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Makenzie's activities and achievements include: 2018 Class President for three years, National Honor Society, four years as Big Brother Big Sister Mentor, Interact Club member and officer for multiple years, High Honor Roll Student and Student of the Month. She also has been highly involved in the Midlakes music program, participating and serving in Concert Band as clarinet section leader, Jazz Band Member, multi-instrument member of the Pit Orchestra for Theatre, All-County Band, and NYSSMA Solo Festival, while being proficient on clarinet, saxophone and oboe. Mackenzie was member and eventual captain of the Varsity Girls Tennis Team for five years, making Finger Lakes West All-Stars, playing first singles and finishing third in Section V Class B Individual Sectionals and advancing to State Qualifiers during the 2016 and 2017 fall seasons. Additional honors include the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, the RIT Creativity Innovation Scholarship, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador, and Ontario County Youth Board Recognition Certificate.



2018 Salutatorian Abigail Schoenfelder

Abigail Schoenfelder, daughter of Ben and Danielle Schoenfelder from Clifton Springs, NY. Abby is still deciding where she will attend college in the fall of 2018, but has narrowed her search to Wells College, SUNY Geneseo, and Roberts Wesleyan College where she plans to study Elementary Education.

Over her years at Midlakes, Abby has participated in four Midlakes Theatre Experience productions as a member of the Stage Crew and as the Stage Manager for three. She has also put her musical abilities to use in the Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz ensembles, as well as Concert Band and Chorus. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. She loves to swim and served as Varsity Swim Team Captain in her senior season. Peer tutoring, teaching swim lessons, lifeguarding and volunteering with KidZone at her church is where Abby chooses to invest in her community.

Abby is honored to represent Midlakes as Salutatorian of the Class of 2018.



Midlaks Archery Competes in the New York State Championships

On Friday March 9th, the Midlakes Archery team competed in the NYS Championships against 500 students from across the state.

The team had a strong showing with 5 members of the team placing in the top 10 in the State. Qualifiers for the National Championships in Louisville KY in May are Carly Bennett, Ryleigh Bradley, Zach Weykman, Riley Haers, and Mackenzie Wheeler.

Top Row: Nita Schumacher, Makayla Richardson, Madison Hartzell, Carly Bennett, Zach Weykman

Middle Row: Grace Payne, Aidan Cort, Morgan Cowan, Nicole Sussman

Bottom Row: Ryleigh Bradley, Mackenzie Wheeler, Lindsey Weykman, Riley Haers



2018 Winter Sports Season Summary

The boys basketball team played hard all season and made a nice run in sectionals. Captains this season were Seniors Dan VanNostrand, Bryce Burri, Marshall Wasman, and Trevor Milliman. Bryce Burri finished his basketball career with 1,193 points, he was named unanimous 1st Team All-Finger Lakes East and was selected to participate in the Ronald McDonald All Star Game. Dan VanNostrand and Trevor Milliman were both honorable mentions in the Finger Lakes East and Dan was chosen by the league to represent Midlakes in the Exceptional Senior All-Star game.

The boys swimming and diving team was a scholar athlete team this year. The team had 5 members make All-League honors. David Alwardt for the 200 Free, 500 Free, and 200 Free Relay; Ben Clements for 200 IM, and 200 Free Relay; Nick Strassburg for Diving; Cory Richardson for the 100 Free and 200 Free Relay; and Andrew Schoenfelder for the 200 Free Relay. Midlakes had 5 swimmers and divers advance to sectionals. Nick Strassburg, Ben Clements, David Alwardt, Andrew Schoenfelder, and Cory Richardson all advanced



from the preliminaries to the finals.

The Indoor Track and Field team was a scholar athlete team. Erynne Garver and Isaiah Martin were selected for all league in the high jump and pole vault. Gabby Jansen took 4th in sectionals in the race walk. Isaiah Martin placed 4th in sectionals for the high jump. Rachel McFadden was selected for all league honors for long jump and finished 4th in sectionals. Jacob Liberati was selected for all league honors in the long jump and triple jump. He won an individual sectional title in the triple jump and placed 7th in the state meet for long jump. The indoor team worked hard this year and improved each day of the season.

This winter season the cheerleaders did an outstanding job of gaining new tumbling skills. All the tumblers increased their difficulty over the course of the season. The team had many individual and team accomplishments. Selected as a 1st team all-star was Anna Fitzsimmons, 2nd team All-Star Samantha Geisel and for exceptional seniors - it was Savannah Darling and Sara Vanderhoof. In team competitions they took 2nd place at Newark, 1st place at Rush Henrietta, 2nd place at Greater Rochester and Leagues, and 3rd place in Sectionals.

The varsity girls' basketball team made history going 20-0 during the regular season to win the Finger Lakes East League title. They continued their winning streak to capture a Sectional title in class B and capping off the season making it to the state final four in Troy, New York. They finished the year with a 25-1 record losing only to the team that won the whole state tournament. Jordan Naeye and Claire DeBoover, were selected to play in the exceptional Senior game in Waterloo on March 13th. Cara Walker received 1st team Finger Lakes East honors and Macy Kisner received 3rd team Finger Lakes East honors. Alaina Forbes was Player of the Year in the Finger Lakes and reached a milestone of 1000 career points this season. We congratulate the girls on an outstanding season.

The wrestling team this year was a scholar athlete team. As a team they placed second in the league duel meets. They also placed 2nd in the league wrestling tournament, and second in the sectional tournament. Individual Sectional winners for Midlakes were Wyatt Smith at 145, Jaden Presher at 170 and Connor Young at 195. Connor was also awarded Outstanding Wrestler of the sectional tournament. Midlakes as a team sent Josh Orlopp, Brandon MacDonell, Curtis Grimes, Jacob Wright, Preston Cooper, Chase Peacock, Wyatt Smith, Connor Young, and Jaden Presher to the state qualifier for finishing among the top six in their weight class during sectionals.



Bands from around the country competed for a chance to perform at Disney. Midlakes High School Band was one of the lucky bands selected to perform in Disney Springs. Forty students participated in the performance on Friday, February 9th. The band also participated in a workshop on February 8th in which the band performed music from Disney movies, culminating with the band recording to a "Frozen" animation. Congratulations Midlakes High School Band!



Administrative Team

**Matthew Sickles**  
*Superintendent*  
548-6420

**Tracy Marshall**  
*Business Administrator*  
548-6434

**Frank Bai-Rossi**  
*Middle/High School Principal*  
548-6300

**Christopher Moyer**  
*Intermediate School Principal*  
548-6900

**Karen Cameron**  
*Primary School Principal*  
548-6700

**Patti Larche**  
*Director of Curriculum & Instruction*  
548-6475

**John Lombardi**  
*Athletic Director*  
548-6450

**Tammy Wood**  
*Director of Special Programs & Services*  
548-6440

**Lydia Schadler**  
*Director of Instructional Technology & Data*  
548-6476

**Donald Miller** 548-6465  
*Director of Facilities*

**Doris Dunham** 548-6415  
*School Lunch Manager*

*Transportation Supervisor*  
548-6400

**Phyllis Mouton**  
*Tax Collector*  
548-6437

**Jack Hauber**  
*Aquatics Director*  
548-6451

**Website**  
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MAY 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NYS Math Exams Gr 3-8	2 NYS Math Exams Grades 3-8	3 NYS Math Exams Grades 3-8, AP Exams	4 NYS Math Exams Grades 3-8	5
6	7 AP Exams Budget Hearing/BOE Meeting 6pm MPS	8 AP Exams	9 AP Exams	10 AP Exams	11 AP Exams	12
13	14 AP Exams May 14-18	15 BUDGET VOTE 12-9pm MMS Gym	16 AP Exams	17 AP Exams	18 AP Exams	19
20	21 Full Supt Conf Day	22 MIS Band & Chorus concert 7PM MIS Gym	23 MMS & MHS Chorus concert 7PM MHS Aud	24 MIS Band, 1st gr music classes, Mem. Day Event MIS gym	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Holiday	29	30	31 MMS & MHS Band Concert 7PM MHS Aud.		

JUNE 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Regents Exams	6 HS Athletic & Academic Awards Ceremony	7 MMS Athletic & Academic Awards Ceremony	8	9
10	11 BOE Mtg 6:30pm MPS	12 Regents Exams	13 Regents Exams	14 Regents Exams	15	16
17	18 Regents Exams	19 Regents Exams	20 Regents Exams	21 Regents Exams, Last day for MS/HS Students	22 Last day for Elem. Students	23 High School Graduation
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Holiday	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				