



Mount Pleasant Central School District

Non-Instructional Budget Presentation to
the Board of Education



March 13, 2024

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Building the Budget



- ❖ Preserving the short-term and long-term financial health of the District
- ❖ A review of program and staffing
- ❖ Implementation of 2022-2027 Strategic Plan and Portrait of a Mount Pleasant Learner
- ❖ Continued enhancement of instructional alignment
- ❖ Continued strengthening of the academic program through enrichment, extension, remediation for all learners
- ❖ Continued implementation of academic initiatives and securing of resources in high-level professional development for faculty and staff
- ❖ Implement care and wellness resources that support our students' self awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making

Budget Drivers for 2024-25



- ❖ CPI increase = 4.12%
- ❖ Health insurance premiums increased an average of 11.0%, adding approximately \$800,000 to the budget
- ❖ Rates for Employee Retirement System (ERS) increased by roughly 16%, adding \$150,000 to the budget
- ❖ Increased insurance premiums of approximately 18.5% adds \$50,000 to the budget
- ❖ Increased participation in BOCES Occupational Education program adds \$125,000 to the budget
- ❖ Increasing the Coordinator of Safety & Security to a full-time position adds \$67,000 to the budget
- ❖ Additional security guard at the Westlake campus adds \$45,000 to the budget
- ❖ New positions (FLES, Speech) and professional development

Common Themes



- ❖ Engagement of Stakeholders
 - ❖ Parents and Community, Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee

- ❖ Collaborative approach to budget-building
 - ❖ Meetings with Directors and Administrators

- ❖ Responsibility to the Community:
 - ❖ Proposed budget for 2024-2025 is tax-cap compliant
 - ❖ 13th consecutive year presenting tax-cap compliant budgets

Facilities Maintenance & Capital Improvements



- ❖ The District remains committed to transferring at least \$1.6 million per year to the Capital Fund for “smaller scale” projects that can be completed without issuing debt

- ❖ Main Entrance Sign:
 - ❖ Completed in December 2023
 - ❖ Landscaping to be completed in Spring/Summer 2024

- ❖ Athletic Field Renovations:
 - ❖ Currently in final stages of completion - expected completion is Spring 2024

Facilities Maintenance & Capital Improvements (continued)



- ❖ WMS Makerspace & Theater Storage:
 - ❖ Funded through 2017/18 and 2018/19 General Fund budgets
 - ❖ Project was to be combined with relocation of Office of Pupil and Personnel Services (PPS) (Phase I funded through 2021/22 General Fund budget)
 - ❖ Project was bid twice - results were higher than budget
 - ❖ Decision was made to separate Makerspace/Theater Storage project from PPS relocation - bids awarded in November 2023

- ❖ **Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2024**

Facilities Maintenance & Capital Improvements (continued)



- ❖ Instructional Bond (\$35,957,772):
 - ❖ Approved by voters in December 2023
 - ❖ Includes secure entrance vestibules and additional security cameras in all buildings
 - ❖ Focuses on enhancing and expanding instructional spaces, including libraries, science labs and makerspaces, fine, visual & performing arts spaces
 - ❖ Includes classroom additions at Hawthorne & Columbus and a cafeteria expansion at WHS to accommodate a new engineering lab.
 - ❖ Upgraded ventilation & air cooling of large instructional spaces

- ❖ **Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2025**

Facilities Maintenance & Capital Improvements (concluded)



- ❖ 2024-2025 Proposed Funding:
 - ❖ \$1,600,000 for Districtwide infrastructure projects, including interior door replacements, ventilation upgrades, HVAC upgrades, stair treads, and other miscellaneous projects
 - ❖ \$1,850,000 for Districtwide air cooling and additional funding for PPS relocation project
 - ❖ This funding represents a one-time transfer from the tax certiorari reserve resulting from the settlement of a large case in the 2023-2024 school year (reserve was in excess of settlement amount and is required to be released from the reserve)

Safety and Security



- ❖ The District entered into an agreement with the Town during the 2022-23 school year to hire a Districtwide School Resource Officer.
 - ❖ This will continue to be funded in the 2024-25 budget
 - ❖ The cost is shared between the District and Town, 60%/40%, respectively (District share is approximately \$155,000)
- ❖ The District will continue to work with Altaris (Safety & Security consultants) on implementing recommendations from their safety & security audit to enhance measures district-wide
 - ❖ A part-time Altaris Security Coordinator was included in the 2023-24 budget (\$64,000); this will be increased to a full-time position in 2024-25 (approximately \$134,000)

Safety and Security (continued)



- ❖ An additional security guard will be added to the Westlake campus (approximately \$45,000)

- ❖ The District continues to implement safety recommendations based on a three-tiered approach - categorized based on timing, financial resources and required NYSED approvals.
 - ❖ Priority I - Short-term - 90% complete
 - ❖ Priority II - Mid-term - 65% complete
 - ❖ Priority III - Long-term - 40% complete

- ❖ Monthly Safety & Security meetings continue, to monitor progress

Safety and Security (concluded)



- ❖ What has been implemented so far?
 - ❖ Lockdown system has been completed for all four school buildings
 - ❖ Parent Reunification kits have been completed and drills are on-going
 - ❖ Door sensor installation

- ❖ Looking ahead:
 - ❖ Anonymous Alerts will be implemented for the 2024-25 school year
 - ❖ Athletic fields camera project is currently in the design phase
 - ❖ Interior swipe access with audible alarms will be installed on specific doors in the elementary schools
 - ❖ Additional safety training will be given to the Building Emergency Response Teams (BERT) at each building

Tax Cap Calculation - Estimate as of March 13, 2024



		2023-24	2024-25	
Prior Year Tax Levy		\$ 59,523,683	\$ 60,666,873	
1 + Tax Base Growth Factor (provided by Commissioner of Tax & Finance by February 15th.)	x	1.0054	1.0070	Published 11/20/23
Total Tax Levy plus Growth Factor		\$59,845,111	\$61,091,541	
Prior Year PILOTS	+	4,090	4,107	
Levy for Judgments over 5% of total tax levy	-	-	-	
Capital Debt Service (net of Bldg. Aid) (prior Yr)	-	(5,629,909)	(5,367,302)	
TAX LEVY LIMIT	=	\$54,219,292	\$55,728,346	
Allowable Levy Growth Factor (1 + inflation factor, up to 2%)	x	2.00%	2.00%	Published 1/16/24; actual CPI = 4.12%
Next Years PILOTS	-	(4,107)	(4,110)	Est.
TAX LEVY LIMIT (to be submitted to State Comptroller, Commissioner of Tax & Finance and the Commissioner of Education by March 1st)	=	\$55,299,571	\$56,838,803	
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Levy for excess increases to ERS	+	-	5,443	
Levy for excess increases to TRS	+	-	-	
Debt Service(net of Bldg. Aid) & EPC	+	3,767,302	3,728,662	
Capital Tax Levy (expenditures not budget)	+	1,600,000	1,800,000	
Capital Closeout Revenue	+	-	-	
Erroneous levy plus interest from prior year	-	\$0	\$0	
ALLOWED TAX LEVY WITH 50% plus 1 voter approval	=	\$60,666,873	\$62,372,908	2.81%
ACTUAL LEVY		\$60,666,873		1.92%

Tax Cap Calculation - Estimate as of March 13, 2024



<u>Summary of Tax Levy and Adjustments</u>		Bud. To Bud.
Estimated Budget 2024-25		\$ 79,769,660
Estimated Local Revenue		\$ (15,008,779)
Estimated Local Revenue - One-time sources (Capital Fund & Donation)		\$ (336,570)
Projected Levy		\$ 64,424,311
Maximum Allowable Levy		
Actual Levy Amount		\$ 62,372,908
Excess of Limit		\$ (2,051,403)
Use of Fund Balance:		
TRS Reserve		\$ -
ERS Reserve		\$ 100,000
Appropriated FB - Tax Cert Reserve		\$ 1,851,403
Appropriated FB		\$ 100,000
	Sub Total	\$ 2,051,403
Amount under (over) Tax Levy Cap		\$ 0



Preliminary Tax Information

Estimate as of March 13, 2024

Tax Rate Estimate (Town of MP only):

Based on assessment and equalization rate information as of March 11, 2024 (subject to change)

Levy at Proposed Amount	2.73%	Reflects assessment changes and levy at estimated tax
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Preliminary Tax Information

Estimate as of March 13, 2024

Computation of Real Property Tax	Town of Mt. Pleasant	Town of North Castle
Assessed Value (as of 3/11/24)	\$ 40,979,081	\$1,408,242
Equalization Rate	0.0113	0.0165
Full Value	\$ 3,626,467,345	\$85,348,000
Percentage of Tax Levy	97.70%	2.30%
Estimated Amt. of Tax Levy	\$60,938,730	\$1,434,178
Estimated Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value 2024-2025	\$1,487.07	\$1,018.42
Final Tax Rate 2023-2024	\$1,447.55	\$903.71
Est. \$ Change	\$39.52	\$114.71
Est. % Change	2.73%	12.69%

Revenue Assumptions (as of March 13, 2024)



	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Property Taxes	\$60,666,873	\$62,372,908	\$1,706,035	2.81%
State Aid	\$12,099,246	\$12,954,169	\$854,923	7.07%
County Sales Tax	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	0%
Other Revenue	\$454,100	\$829,610	\$375,510	82.69%
Transfers In - Capital Fund	\$0	\$261,570	\$261,570	100.00%
Use of Fund Balance	\$0	\$2,051,403	\$2,051,403	100.00%
TOTAL Revenue & Use of Fund Balance	\$74,520,219	\$79,769,660	\$5,249,441	7.04%

Note: the 7.04% increase in the budget includes 2.93% of one-time revenues in the amount of \$2,187,973 (\$75,000 donation, \$261,570 transfer from Capital Fund & \$1,851,403 release from the Tax Certiorari Reserve), which will fund one-time expenditures.

State Aid Update (as of March 13, 2024)



	Enacted Budget 2023-24	Executive Budget Proposal 2024-25	Change from 2023-24 Enacted Budget
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Foundation Aid	\$ 7,207,301	\$ 7,552,121	\$ 344,820 4.78% ***
Boces Aid	\$ 1,095,594	\$ 1,225,350	\$ 129,756
High Cost Excess Cost Aid	\$ 87,891	\$ 106,454	\$ 18,563
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$ 177,683	\$ 338,978	\$ 161,295
Software/Library/Textbook	\$ 182,690	\$ 182,899	\$ 209
Transportation Aid	\$ 931,875	\$ 1,156,595	\$ 224,720
Building Aid	\$ 1,587,874	\$ 1,569,210	\$ (18,664)
High Tax Aid	\$ 822,562	\$ 822,562	\$ -
Sub Total Aid	\$ 12,093,470	\$ 12,954,169	\$ 860,699 Increase in Aid

*** - although Foundation Aid increased over the 2023-2024 Enacted Budget, the District's funding for 2024/2025 based on Hold Harmless limits should be \$7,654,892, leaving a shortfall of \$102,771.



Expenditure Assumptions (as of March 13, 2024)

General Support	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Board of Education	\$ 79,338	\$ 70,363	\$ (8,974)	-11.3%
District Clerk/Meeting	\$ 125,817	\$ 114,717	\$(11,100)	-8.8%
Central Administration	\$ 428,814	\$ 437,546	\$ 8,732	2.0%



Expenditure Assumptions (as of March 13, 2024)

General Support	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Business Administration	\$ 482,239	\$ 501,323	\$19,084	4.0%
Auditing Services	\$ 65,200	\$ 66,400	\$ 1,200	1.8%
Treasurer	\$ 108,478	\$ 113,478	\$ 5,000	4.6%
Legal	\$ 214,776	\$ 216,871	\$ 2,096	1.0%
Personnel	\$ 153,045	\$ 156,918	\$ 3,872	2.5%
Public Information	\$ 156,769	\$ 157,722	\$ 953	0.6%



Expenditure Assumptions (as of March 13, 2024)

General Support	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Operations	\$3,457,486	\$ 3,582,497	\$ 125,012	3.6%
Maintenance	\$ 873,614	\$ 1,339,209	\$ 465,595	53.3%
Central Data Processing	\$ 548,634	\$ 592,559	\$ 43,925	8.0%
Insurance	\$ 271,235	\$ 311,916	\$40,681	15.0%
Taxes & Assessments	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -	0.0%
BOCES Admin	\$ 341,591	\$ 344,621	\$ 3,030	0.9%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	7,432,036	8,120,141	688,105	9.3%



Expenditure Assumptions (as of March 13, 2024)

Benefits	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
NYS ERS	\$ 684,186	\$ 831,753	\$ 147,567	21.6%
NYS TRS	\$ 2,998,040	\$ 3,172,388	\$ 174,348	5.8%
Health/Other Benefits	\$12,329,895	\$13,259,307	\$ 929,412	7.5%
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$16,012,121	\$17,263,448	\$ 1,251,327	7.8%



Expenditure Assumptions (as of March 13, 2024)

Undistributed	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Debt Service	\$ 6,693,197	\$ 6,685,845	\$ (7,352)	-0.1%
Transfers	\$ 1,725,000	\$ 3,575,000	\$ 1,850,000	107.2%
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	\$ 8,418,197	\$ 10,260,845	\$ 1,842,648	21.9%

Important Notes



- ❖ The 2024-2025 proposed budget is Tax Cap compliant.
- ❖ A tax cap compliant budget requires a simple majority of voters for approval (50% +1)
- ❖ If the budget is defeated, New York State Law allows a hold a revote one additional time - the proposed budget can be the same, less or more than the proposed budget presented for the first vote.
- ❖ The Board of Education can adopt a contingency budget if the 1st vote is defeated - contingency budget must comply with New York State Tax Cap law.
- ❖ If a budget is defeated twice, the District MUST adopt a contingency budget, reducing the tax levy to the prior year amount.
 - ❖ This would mean a reduction to the proposed budget of \$1,706,035.



Important Dates

- ❖ Instructional Budget Presentation - March 20, 2024
- ❖ BOE Work Session - Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee - Report to the BOE - April 10, 2024
- ❖ BOE Meeting - April 16, 2024 (Tuesday)
 - ❖ Anticipated adoption of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget
- ❖ BOE Work Session - Public Budget Hearing - May 8, 2024
- ❖ Last Day to Register to Vote - May 16, 2024
 - ❖ Voter Registration Evening - May 14, 2024 (WHS Lobby 5-9 pm)
- ❖ **Budget Vote - May 21, 2024**



Questions?



Thank You!