

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note From Dr. G: SPECIAL BUDGET EDITION 2024



Prioritizing Academic Excellence & Financial Health In The District

This year's budget continues the momentum across disciplines we piloted and implemented over the past several years and positions us for the future in the following important ways:

- Implementation of Spanish and Italian instruction in Grades 4-5 and the expansion of American Sign Language to level 3 at WHS.
- Addition of a strings program through a unit of study in Grade 2. All students will receive instruction on the violin as we plan for the future implementation of an orchestral program.
- Math program updates in Grades K-5, a comprehensive program review and staff development in Grades 6-12, and expansion of enrichment opportunities in mathematics at WMS.
- Part-time Coordinator of Safety and Security will be increased to full-time, a security guard will be added to the Westlake campus, and interior swipe access with audible alarms are being installed in the elementary schools.
- Targeted replacement of athletic uniforms for boys and girls, purchase of shot clocks for boys and girls lacrosse, weight room upgrades and updated gym banners will be installed.

What's on the Ballot?

A tax-cap compliant budget in the amount of \$79,769,660 representing a 2.81% tax levy increase with an estimated 2.73% tax rate increase.

The 2024-2025 budget marks the 13th consecutive year that Mount Pleasant Central School District has presented a tax-cap compliant budget to voters.

Three candidates are running for three open seats: Michael Horan, Michael Griffin, and Colleen Scaglione Neglia.

Student Vote Tuesday
5/21 from 3 - 9 pm
WHS Gym Lobby

**VOTE to NAME THE
NEW WILDCAT**




**HELLO
MY NAME IS**
Walter
(Wally)



**HELLO
MY NAME IS**
Weston
(Westy)



MOUNT PLEASANT

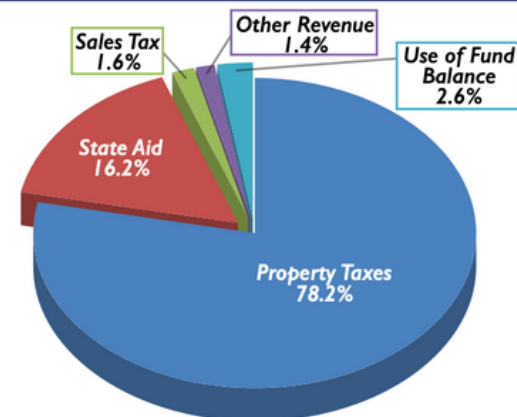
May 21  7am-9pm

**BUDGET VOTE
BOARD ELECTION**

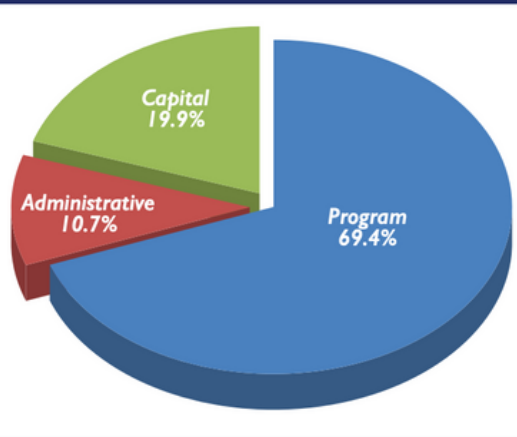
WHS GYM

Make a plan to vote on Tuesday, May 21
from 6 am - 9 pm in the WHS Gym

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



WHERE THE MONEY GOES



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 thirteenth consecutive year. Mt. Pleasant Central School District's proposed tax levy increase is 2.81%, 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.