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BUDGET 2023

BUDGET AT A **glance**

PROPOSED BUDGET
\$11,555,886

TAX LEVY INCREASE
2.17%

Annual budget vote to be held May 16

Proposed 2023-24 budget aligns with District Strategic Plan; enhances safety, programs, and keeps levy within the limit

Menands residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 16 to vote on a proposed \$11.5 million spending plan for the 2023-24 school year.

Under the proposed plan, spending would increase by \$734,264 over the current year. The increase is offset by significant revenue generated by the full funding of foundation aid, along with the allocation of available fund balance. The budget carries a tax levy increase of 2.17%, which is within the allowable levy cap. As a result a simple majority (50% plus one vote) is needed for approval.

A budget hearing was held on Monday, May 8 at Menands School to inform the community of the items included in the budget. That same evening, the League of Women Voters hosted a Meet the Candidates Night for prospective board members.

The proposed budget will allow the district to not only maintain, but to increase opportunities for students; it maintains the recently implemented STEM Innovation Lab, as well as two positions previously funded using COVID relief funds that are set to expire. It emphasizes health and safety, including an officer on campus, and it also expands extracurricular opportunities. The budget supports the implementation of the board-adopted 5 Year Strategic Plan focused on: Student Achievement & Success, Social Emotional Learning, Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity, and Fiscal Responsibility.

Capital Project Proposal:

Voters will also be asked to consider a separate referendum for a \$2,360,000 capital project that will tend to the needs identified through the most recent Building Conditions Survey. In particular the project would replace end-of-life infrastructure including roofs, select HVAC units, and paving. These quality improvements address health and safety while resulting in a more efficient and cost-effective operation.

According to Superintendent Dr. Maureen Long, "This project has been thoughtfully and strategically planned to address priority and immediate infrastructure needs, with no additional impact to the taxpayers."

VOTING INFORMATION:

Tuesday, May 16

Menands School
Noon to 8 p.m.

19 Wards Lane

Absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m.

Also on the ballot:

- Proposition for a proposed \$2,360,000 capital project
- There are three candidates for two open seats on the Board of Education: Charlie Luke, Joshua Kullman, and Mashal Shaikh
- The Menands Public Library's proposed budget of \$151,271
- There are five candidates for two open seats for the Library's Board of Trustees: Tammy McNamara, Jennifer Baltrush, Libby Post, Kelley Lemyre, and Rosalynn Duvall

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THE EVENING OF THE ARTS

Shining a light on the talents of our students

Join us at 6 p.m. on May 16 for our performing arts show along with a visual art exhibit featuring at least two pieces of art from every student. That's at least 600 works of art.



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The three-part budget

All public schools in New York state are required to report appropriations in three categories: administrative, program and capital. The following data show how the Menands budget breaks down under this formula:

PROGRAM BUDGET

2023-24	\$8,680,567	75.12%
2022-23	\$8,255,895	76.29%

The **Program Budget** represents all expenditures including salaries and benefits for the regular and special education programs provided to our students, as well as all expenditures for transporting our students. Expenditures for extracurricular and co-curricular activities are also part of the program component. The increase in this component can be largely attributed to added security measures and contractual obligations as a result of a 4 year contract with the Menands Association of Teachers.

CAPITAL BUDGET

2023-24	\$1,628,538	14.09%
2022-23	\$1,408,044	13.01%

The **Capital Budget** represents all expenditures associated with the maintenance and upkeep of our facility and grounds. Also included in the Capital Component are expenditures for debt service payments, and applicable interfund transfers. The increase here is the result of an inter-fund transfer to the Capital Fund to cover the roofing design work in the event the proposition is not approved by the voters.

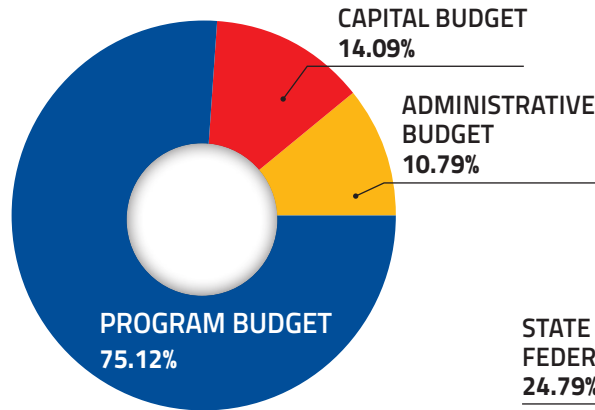
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2023-24	\$1,246,781	10.79%
2022-23	\$1,157,683	10.70%

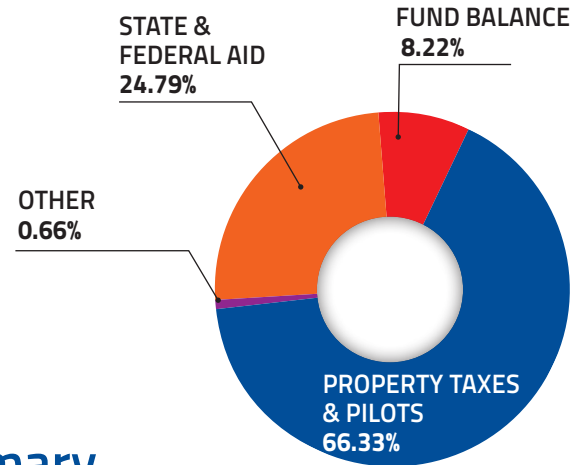
The **Administrative Budget** represents all expenditures and benefits for the office of the Superintendent, Principal and Business Office. Also included here are expenditures for property insurance, legal fees, auditing fees and school board and the district's annual budget.



Expenditures



Revenues



Revenue Summary

	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Dollar Increase/Decrease	% of Change
Real Property Taxes	\$7,469,448	\$7,631,281	\$161,833	2.17%
Other Payments In Lieu of taxes (PILOTS)		\$33,800	\$33,800	
Interest/Earnings	\$800	\$5,000	\$4,200	525%
Commissions	\$900	\$500	(\$400)	-44.44%
Refund prior year	\$83,074	\$68,000	(\$15,074)	-18.15%
TWC-Erate	\$5,100	\$2,500	(\$2,600)	-50.98%
Gifts and donations	\$500	\$500		0%
State Aid	\$2,219,905	\$2,619,752	\$399,847	18.01%
BOCES Aid	\$221,895	\$224,553	\$2,658	1.20%
Medicaid	\$20,000	\$20,000		0%
Assigned Fund Balance	\$800,000	\$950,000	\$150,000	18.75%
TOTAL	\$10,821,622	\$11,555,886	\$734,264	6.79%

* A portion of the tax levy will be paid by the state under the School Tax Relief (STAR) program.

A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll or rolls used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, is included with the budget document, which is available at Menands School, 19 Wards Lane, Menands, NY 12204 or www.menands.org.



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	\$10,821,622	\$11,555,886	\$11,383,783
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$734,264	\$562,161
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.79%	5.19%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,469,448	\$7,631,281	
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)	\$7,469,448	\$7,631,281	\$7,469,448
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$324,048	\$330,375	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,145,400	\$7,300,906	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,145,400	\$7,300,906	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,157,683	\$1,246,781	\$1,202,831
Program Component	\$8,255,895	\$8,680,567	\$8,574,610
Capital Component	\$1,408,044	\$1,628,538	\$1,606,342

* In the event of a defeated budget, 2023-24 tax levy may not increase beyond the 2022-23 tax levy. Under a contingency budget the District may not purchase any equipment, various materials & supplies, including planned technology upgrades, or provide salary increases to non-contractual personnel.

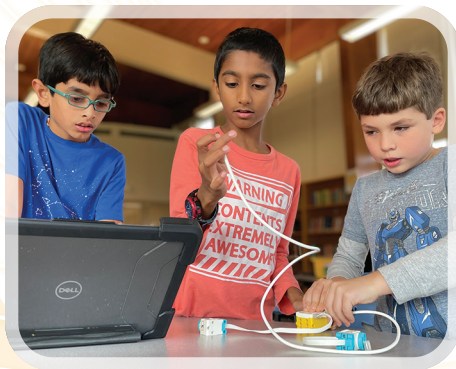
Description	Amount
N/A	

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$529
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Menands Union Free School District, Albany County, New York, will be held at Menands Union Free School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12 p.m. and 8 p.m., prevailing time in the Menands Union Free School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

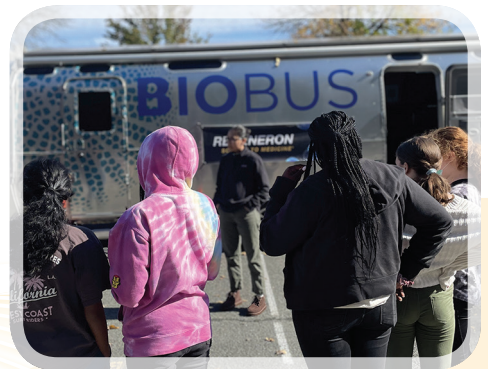
¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



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Voter Eligibility

- You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 or older and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee Ballots

- A completed application must be received by May 9 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, on May 15, if the ballot is to be picked up at the District Office. Completed ballots must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 16.

Questions

- Contact Liz Mentipty at (518) 465-4561 ext. 101 or visit the district website at www.menands.org.



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**Board of Education
Candidates**

There are two vacancies on the Board of Education, one for a term of four (4) years commencing on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2027, and the second for the remaining balance of an unexpired term commencing on May 17, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026, with the successful candidate for such unexpired term being eligible to take office immediately upon being elected and duly qualified. You may vote for two persons, one for each of the vacant seats. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the four (4) year term and the candidate with the second highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.



Charlie Luke



Joshua Kullman



Mashal Shaikh

