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BUDGET 2022

BUDGET AT A glance

PROPOSED BUDGET
\$10,821,622

TAX LEVY INCREASE
2.9%
\$210,857

VOTING INFORMATION: **Tuesday, May 17**

**Menands School
19 Wards Lane
Noon to 8 p.m.**

**Absentee ballots must be
received by 5 p.m.**

Also on the ballot:

- Proposition to adjust the Board of Education member term length from five to four years
- Proposition to establish a Capital Reserve Fund
- There are three candidates for two open seats on the Board of Education. More information is available on page 4.
- Menands Public Library's proposed budget is \$148,343, reflecting no tax levy increase. There is one open seat on the library's Board of Trustees. Marci Murphy is the sole candidate.

Annual budget vote to be held May 17

Proposed 2022-23 budget maintains programs; keeps levy within limit

Menands residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 17 to vote on a proposed \$10.8 million spending plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Under the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year, spending would increase by \$545,987 over the current year. The increase is offset by significant revenue generated from Foundation Aid. The budget proposal carries a tax levy increase of 2.9%, 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 9 at Menands School to inform the community on the items included in the budget proposal.

The proposed budget will allow the district to maintain all existing programs and opportunities for students, offer professional development, and support operations and maintain school grounds. The proposal will continue to support the increasingly diverse student population and student needs, consistent with the district's mission and goals.

"Our Board of Education crafted a budget that will allow the Menands School to continue to provide a welcoming, safe and supportive environment conducive for student growth as scholars and individuals," said Superintendent Dr. Maureen Long. "As our community continues to recover from the pandemic, this proposed budget stays within the allowable tax cap and will enable the district to continue to provide opportunities that our families have advocated for and have come to expect of a



Menands education."

In the event of a defeated budget, the 2022-23 tax levy may not increase beyond the amount of the 2021-22 tax levy. The district would have to reduce the proposed budget, which puts programs, building upkeep and other critical services in jeopardy.

Voters will also be asked to decide on additional ballot items. Along with the budget, there are two propositions: one to adjust the length of the Board of Education member term from five to four years, and the other to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, which will allow the district to plan for future facility needs with a minimal local tax impact. In addition, there are three candidates for two open seats on the Board of Education (see page 4). Also on the ballot is the Menands Village Library budget and a candidate for the Library Board of Trustees.

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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 Menands budget breaks down under this formula:

PROGRAM BUDGET

2022-23	\$8,255,895	76.29%
2021-22	\$7,861,843	76.51%

The Program Budget includes:

teaching and instruction, instructional media, computer services, guidance/health services, co-curricular activities and athletics, special education and student transportation.

This budget includes an increase for transportation. The district recently completed a Request for Bid for transportation services. Durham Services LP was selected. The budget seeks approval for a three-year contract for special education and homeless student transportation.

CAPITAL BUDGET

2022-23	\$1,408,044	13.01%
2021-22	\$1,314,685	12.79%

The Capital Budget includes: operation of plant, maintenance of plant and debt service principal/interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2022-23	\$1,157,683	10.70%
2021-22	\$1,099,107	10.70%

The Administrative Budget includes:

expenses related to business administration, purchasing, payroll, and BOCES administration under the superintendent; principal supervision, staff development, training and curriculum; and external, internal, claims auditing services and legal services.

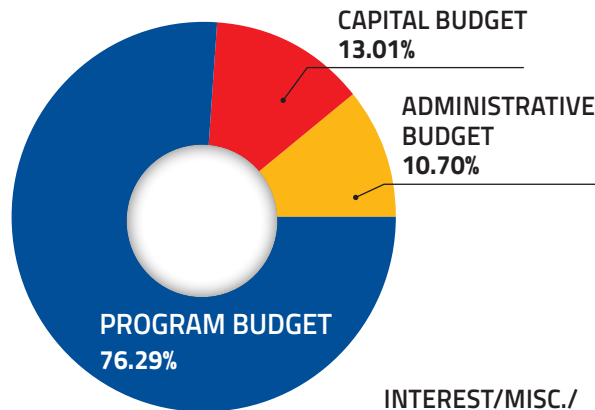


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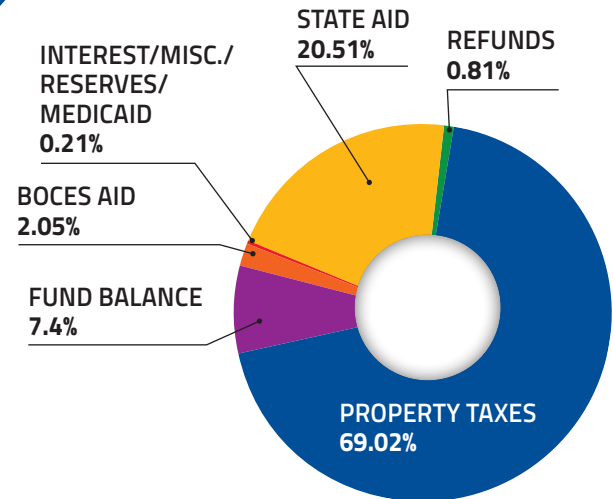
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Expenditures



Revenues



Revenue Summary

	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed	Dollar Increase/ Decrease	% of Change
Property Taxes	\$7,258,591	\$7,469,448	\$210,857	2.90%
State Aid	\$1,908,753	\$2,219,905	\$311,152	16.30%
BOCES Aid	\$209,477	\$221,895	\$12,418	5.93%
Misc/Donations Commissions	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0	0%
Refund prior year	\$78,414	\$88,174	\$9,760	12.45%
Interest/Earnings	\$1,000	\$800	(\$200)	-20.00%
Medicaid	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$2,000	11.11%
Assigned Fund Balance	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0	0%
TOTAL	\$10,275,635	\$10,821,622	\$545,987	5.31%

* 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 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$10,275,635	\$10,821,622	\$10,601,582
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$545,987	\$325,947
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.31%	3.17%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,258,591	\$7,469,448	
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)	\$7,258,591	\$7,469,448	\$7,258,591
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$322,783	\$324,048	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,935,808	\$7,145,400	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,935,808	\$7,145,400	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,099,107	\$1,157,683	\$1,133,380
Program Component	\$7,861,843	\$8,255,895	\$8,114,176
Capital Component	\$1,314,685	\$1,408,044	\$1,354,026

* In the event of a defeated budget, 2022-23 tax levy may not increase beyond the 2021-22 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.

** The Budget does seek approval of a three-year contract with Durham Services LP for school year special needs and homeless student transportation.

Description	Amount
N/A	

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2022-23 School YearEstimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$529

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 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 17, 2022 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 10 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election 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 17.

Questions

- Contact Jeanne Mentipty at 518-465-4561, ext. 106 or visit the district website at www.menands.org.



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Board of Education Candidates

Voters will elect two members to the Board of Education. The candidate who receives the most votes will serve a full five-year term to expire June 30, 2027. The candidate who receives the second highest number of votes will serve out the balance of the unexpired term of former member Jeff Masline, who resigned in January. That term will expire June 30, 2023.

More information on the candidates can be found on our website www.menands.org



Jennifer Baltrush



Charles Luke



Elangovan Raman

