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BUDGET 2021

BUDGET AT glance

PROPOSED BUDGET
\$10,275,635

TAX LEVY INCREASE
\$22,497
0.31%

BUDGET VOTE:

Tuesday, May 18

- **Menands School**
- **Noon to 8 p.m.**
- **Absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m.**

Also on the ballot:

- There are two candidates for one open seat on the Board of Education. Profiles are available on pg. 4.
- Menands Public Library's proposed budget is \$143,468, reflecting no tax levy increase.
- There is one open seat on the library's Board of Trustees. Judith Gladstone is the sole candidate.

Annual budget vote to be held May 18

Proposed 2021-22 budget maintains programs; increases levy by 0.31%

Menands residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 18 to vote on a proposed \$10.28 million spending plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Under the proposed budget, spending would increase by \$451,265 over the current year. The increase is offset by a significant increase in revenue in the form of Foundation Aid, which will limit the impact to taxpayers. The additional revenue is not only recurring, but also scheduled to increase over the next two years in light of the state's recent decision to fully fund school Foundation Aid.

The proposed budget carries a tax levy increase of \$22,497, or 0.31%, which is within the allowable tax levy cap as calculated by the state's formula. As a result, a simple majority (50% plus one vote) is needed for approval.

The proposed budget maintains all existing programs and opportunities for students while also enhancing technology hardware and support, and dedicated professional development opportunities that align with district goals. Additionally, the proposal continues to support the increasingly diverse student population and student needs, consistent with the district's mission and goals.

"The Board of Education has been very thoughtful in developing a long-range plan that continues to improve upon existing high-quality programs



and supports for our students," Superintendent Dr. Maureen Long said. "The board has also been mindful of our taxpayers. This year, in light of the hardships felt by many as a result of the pandemic, it was critical to have a budget within the allowable tax cap and with a minimal increase."

In the event of a defeated budget, the 2021-22 tax levy may not increase beyond the amount of the 2020-21 tax levy. The district would have to reduce the proposed budget, potentially affecting school programs, services, and planned technology upgrades.

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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

2021-22	\$7,861,843	76.51%
2020-21	\$7,431,614	75.65%

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 the funds necessary to secure and implement a strategic technology improvement plan that addresses increased requirements and regulations.

CAPITAL BUDGET

2021-22	\$1,314,685	12.79%
2020-21	\$1,341,122	13.65%

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2021-22	\$1,099,107	10.70%
2020-21	\$1,051,634	10.70%

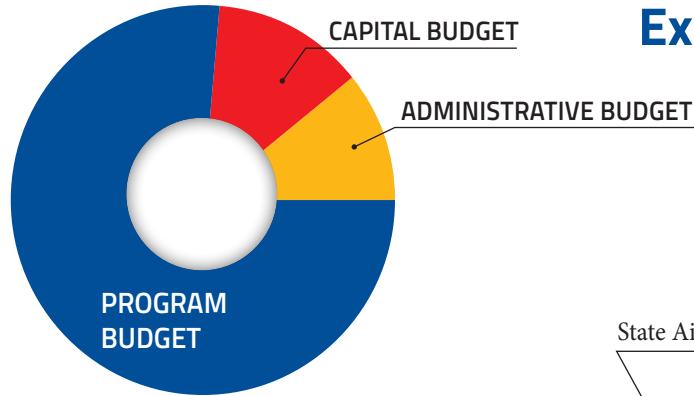
The Administrative Budget includes: expenses related to business administration, purchasing, payroll, and BOCES administration under the superintendent; principal supervision, staff development, training and curriculum; and external, internal, claims auditing services and legal services.



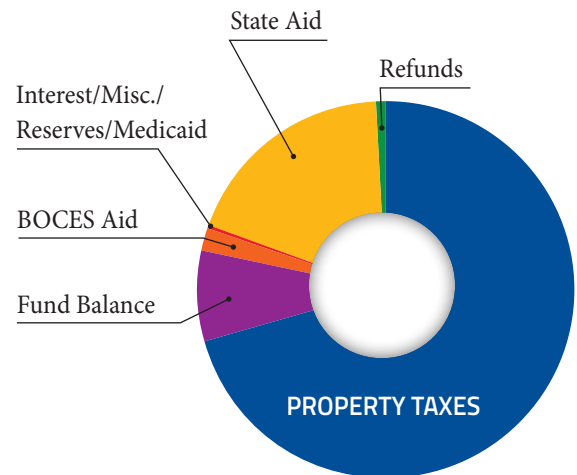
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Revenues



REVENUE SUMMARY

	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed	Dollar Increase/ Decrease	% Change 2020-21 to 2021-22
Property Taxes	\$7,236,094	\$7,258,591	\$22,497	0.31%
State Aid	\$1,433,097	\$1,908,753	\$475,656	33.19%
BOCES Aid	\$183,137	\$209,477	\$26,340	14.38%
Transfer from Reserves	\$50,000	\$0	(\$50,000)	-100%
Misc/Donations Commissions	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0	0%
Refund prior year	\$86,600	\$78,414	(\$8,186)	-9.45%
Interest/Earnings	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0%
MEDICAID	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0	0%
Assigned Fund Balance	\$815,042	\$800,000	(\$15,042)	-1.85%
TOTAL	\$9,824,370	\$10,275,635	\$451,265	4.59%

* 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 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$9,824,370	\$10,275,635	\$10,173,876
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$451,265	\$349,506
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.59%	3.56%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,236,094	\$7,258,591	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$7,236,094	\$7,258,591	\$7,236,094
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$449,685	\$322,783	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,786,409	\$6,935,808	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,786,409	\$6,935,808	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,051,634	\$1,099,107	\$1,084,911
Program Component	\$7,431,614	\$7,861,843	\$7,793,469
Capital Component	\$1,341,122	\$1,314,685	\$1,295,496

* In the event of a defeated budget, 2021-22 tax levy may not increase beyond the 2020-21 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 District is seeking no additional propositions at this time.

Description	Amount
N/A	

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$538

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Menands Union Free school district, Albany County, New York, will be held at Menands Union Free School(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 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 11 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. The ballot itself must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 18.

Questions

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



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Statement from Kathy Boulet, BOE Candidate

Kathy Boulet is seeking her first term on the Menands Board of Education.

"I have resided in Menands, with my family since 2003, and my children are former and current students of Menands School. My volunteer experience includes coaching for Menands Junior Baseball/Softball League and Watervliet Soccer League and previously serving as Vice President of Menands School PTA. I am currently employed with New York State Department of Health and throughout my career, I have proudly served families in need of assistance with housing, medical coverage and food insecurities. I am passionate about continuing to serve children and families who live in our community, and across New York State."



Statement from Andi DeLancy, BOE Candidate

Andi DeLancy is seeking her first term on the Menands Board of Education.

"I have lived in Menands for four years, and for three of those years, I have taken pride in giving back to our community. I became a member of the PTA, joined the Audit Committee, and volunteered time for school events. I want all children and parents to have the best possible experience at Menands School. It is my goal to bring awareness and to advocate for underrepresented students and families. I am committed to promoting a healthy environment where all children can continue to learn, grow, and thrive. I hope to continue serving our school and village."

