



2021-2022 Mamaroneck School District Budget

School Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 18, 2021

at your local elementary school, 7 am – 9 pm

(For more detailed info, visit the ['21-'22 Budget Section](#) of the District website—www.mamkschools.org.)

“While facing ongoing challenges as a result of COVID-19, our school community has adapted, innovated and emerged stronger. Assessing students and meeting their academic and social-emotional needs is key. We have seen a shift in our practice-- optimizing the use of technology to expand and enhance teaching and learning. We continue to keep our eyes on all of our students, while prioritizing our most vulnerable learners, and remain committed as a system to continuous improvement. Some of the new strategies and approaches used during the pandemic will be a benefit moving forward.” - Superintendent Dr. Robert I. Shaps

Preserving and Expanding Vibrant Academic Initiatives and Co-curricular Experiences

The '21-'22 Proposed Budget restores programs reduced or paused due to the pandemic. The budget meets a range of academic and social-emotional needs; preserves and expands robust academic experiences with high expectations for all students, and provides targeted instruction and educational initiatives to support and propel all students forward. The funding of multiple elective pathways enables students to discover and build upon a range of interests.

Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility

In crafting the budget each year, we carefully assess prior year's actual expenditures and enrollment trends and identify efficiencies to uphold our commitment to remain fiscally responsible to taxpayers. The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget reflects a 1.63% budget-to-budget increase (one of the lowest in the region), resulting in a 1.84% estimated tax rate increase and a tax levy increase of less than 2% (1.99%). Some of the cost containment strategies employed by the District include utilization of shared services, transition to a regional health benefit consortium, and regional Workers' Compensation consortium. In addition, the District eliminated its reliance on fund balance as a revenue budget item. As a result of joining regional consortiums and settling all collective bargaining agreements, the District was able to slow down and stabilize costs in areas that historically saw significant increases.

2021-22 Program Goals

- Nurture students' social/emotional development and overall well-being
- Strengthen opportunities, access, and educational quality for all students in our diverse community
- Empower students to become lifelong stewards of our community and our planet
- Continue to develop vibrant curricular and co-curricular programs at all levels
- Provide authentic learning experiences
- Continue to invest in effective tech tools and learning platforms
- Support teachers and administrators with ongoing professional development

Selected Highlights

Elementary

- Bridges Mathematics curriculum pilot (K-1)
- Science 21 curriculum implementation (K-4)

- Addition of bilingual nurse at Mamaroneck Avenue School

Secondary (Middle and High School)

- Expansion of Dos Caminos Dual Language Program to 8th grade
- Hommocks advisory/intervention/enrichment program development
- Hommocks lunchtime program development
- New Hommocks World Drumming course
- Learning Hub program at Hommocks
- Development of Family Academy/before & after-school family counseling
- HMX-MHS Culinary pathway coordination
- New AP Music Theory class at Mamaroneck High School
- MHS English and Science expanded elective offerings
- Enhanced MHS STEM and food science courses, as well as instructional programs in new MHS Design Lab and Culinary Arts spaces (capital project)

District-Wide

- Sustainability initiatives with Greenburgh Nature Center (Love Your Food grant)
- Nature education in partnership with Sheldrake Environmental Center
- District Equity Team plan initiatives
- Increased opportunities for entry-level instrumental instruction
- Additional in-school music instruction opportunities that traditionally takes place privately

Proposed Budget Increase at 1.63% -- One of the Lowest in the Region

The Numbers

Proposed Budget:	\$ 144,941,319
Budget-to-budget \$ increase:	\$ 2,331,527
Budget-to-budget % increase:	1.63%
Tax Levy	\$ 131,311,044
Tax Levy \$ increase:	\$ 2,561,964
Tax Levy % increase:	1.99%
Projected tax rate:	\$ 14.01
Projected tax rate increase: %	1.84%
Projected increase on average home, assessed at \$1.250M	\$ 316

For voting requirements, absentee ballots and more detailed budget information, visit the ['21-'22 Budget Section](#) of the District website