



## 2019-2020 Proposed Mamaroneck School District Budget **DYNAMIC EDUCATION PLAN TO SUPPORT EVERY CHILD**

***ENGAGE, EMPOWER, INSPIRE:***

**School Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
at your local elementary school, 7 am – 9 pm**

(For more info, visit the ['19-'20 Budget Section](#) of the District website—[www.mamkschools.org](http://www.mamkschools.org).)

### **High-Quality Learning Standards, Systemic Focus on the Whole Child**

- Challenging curriculum that includes authentic, impactful learning experiences
- Exceptional, high-expectation teaching for differentiated learning styles
- Focus on helping students build inner resilience, mindfulness, an appreciation for diverse voices and varied perspectives
- Authentic learning opportunities that include collaboration and engagement with the broader community through inquiry and/or service
- Strategic integration of technology
- Data-driven decision making with a commitment to continuous improvement, innovation & collaboration, and strengthening of programs

### **Optimizes Student-Staff Ratio/Maintains Favorable Class Sizes**

- Adjusts staffing (adds 11 faculty positions) to account primarily for continued enrollment growth projections at the middle school and high school
- Includes Director of Student Life position at Hommocks to meet social and emotional needs of students

### **Continued Emphasis on Social-Emotional Growth of All Students**

Ongoing professional development provides teachers with the tools to guide students in developing social and emotional skills through work in classrooms, in hallways, on athletic fields, and in our performance spaces. Increasing students' self-awareness and helping them build their social/relationship skills contributes to students' success beyond our schools and throughout their lives. The Mamaroneck School District has been a leader in implementing Yale University's Ruler program.

### **Budget Highlights**

The District carefully aligns its budgetary resources with specific multi-year goals. The 2019-2020 Proposed Budget includes a range of enhancements to move the District forward in meeting these goals:

- Hands-on curriculum resources and professional development to align science curriculum at all levels with NYS Science Learning Standards, including new Science 21 curriculum at Grade 3
- Expansion of the Dos Caminos Dual Language program to Hommocks, enabling current students in the K-5 program based out of Mamaroneck Ave. School to continue their dual language experience into middle school. The Dos Caminos expansion will not require additional staffing and is budget neutral.
- Pilot of new units in elementary math curricula aligned to NYS Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics
- Launch of District-wide sustainability initiatives in partnership with families and community-based organizations

- Continued professional development and curriculum resources to promote racial literacy, equity of opportunity, and the teaching of "Hard History", as well as partnerships with local, regional, and national organizations. Among the initiatives is our ongoing work with regional social studies specialist, April Francis, in adopting NY State's Culturally Responsive-Sustaining education framework and the continuation of our 15+ year relationship with Facing History and Ourselves.
- Expand students' access to Chromebooks in fifth grade classrooms, fully integrating the teaching of digital skills and citizenship with the literacy curriculum
- Update classroom presentation systems with wireless setups that free up space and enable flexible, interactive lessons

### **Balances Increased Enrollment with Sound, Thoughtful Financial Stewardship**

Despite the budgetary challenges that come from educating significantly more students due to enrollment growth, the District continues to reduce non-program costs, demonstrate conservative annual budget growth and maintain its financial stability. To this end, the budget continues to reduce its reliance on fund balance.

In recent years, we have identified and implemented significant non-program efficiencies that have enabled the District to save millions of dollars. The 2019-2020 budget reflects additional savings by moving from paper to electronic processes in multiple business areas, increased use of cooperative bidding and NY State's reduction to the mandated employee pensions contributions rate.

*"Our District is to be commended for its openness to pilot, launch, or grow new initiatives with consideration of future obligations and costs. Efficient use of staff, investment in technology, innovation, and a nimbleness in response to emerging educational opportunities and modern approaches are hallmarks of this District."* - Mamaroneck Board of Education President Steve Warner

### **Proposed Budget and Tax Levy Increases Estimated at Less Than 1% -- One of the Lowest in the Region**

#### **The Numbers**

Supt. Proposed Budget:	\$ 139,875,230
Budget-to-budget \$ increase:	\$ 934,929
Budget-to-budget % increase:	.7%
Tax Levy \$ increase:	\$ 126,523,397
Tax Levy % increase:	.9%
Projected tax rate (per1,000):	\$ 13.50
Projected tax rate increase:	\$ .10
Projected tax rate increase: %	.7%
Projected increase on average home, valued at \$1.253M	\$ 125

**For voting requirements, absentee ballots and more detailed budget information, visit the ['19-'20 Budget Section](#) of the District website**