



2017-2018

McGraw Central School District Budget Proposal



Congratulations to the 2016 Section III Class D Soccer Champions!

PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Tax Levy Increase: 1.11%
 - ◇ Tax Cap Compliant
 - ◇ Annual Vote: May 16, 2017 from Noon—8:00 PM
- McGraw High School Auditorium Foyer**

Maximum Fulfillment of Each Student's Potential

Budgeting for 2017-18

After months of input from staff, teachers, supervisors, and administrators, our Board of Education has made its final decisions and the work for the proposed budget is complete. There have been five budget workshop and business meetings and the BOE has formally adopted our proposed budget of \$12,140,290 at the April 12, 2017 meeting.



McGraw is committed to remaining fiscally responsible to the members of community. As the threat to repeal the Foundation Aid formula lurks in our state government, we urge our legislators to provide an adequate increase in state aid to schools and a commitment to phase-in full funding of Foundation Aid. Although school districts continue to face fiscal constraints, McGraw Central School District has been able to maximize the state aid available. Through careful planning the McGraw Board of Education has been able to preserve existing programs and will be implementing new programs that better help our youth in our community strive for success in this ever changing world.

One of the ways that McGraw maximizes our state aid is through Building Aid and Transportation Aid. Our district demographics provide us with a substantial savings for any qualifying purchases that fall within these two areas. Our business official is an expert at finding ways to utilize this aid to best benefit McGraw.

The district has a goal for bus purchasing to be completed in a manner that attempts to limit repairs to our bus fleet from going past the factory warranty. Our trade-in values help contain the cost of new buses with our current plan of a seven year turnover of the fleet. Repairs are minimal and students are provided with safe transportation. With our current aid ratios for transportation, it is a fiscally sound practice that makes the most sense long term.



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The district Facilities Planning Committee has been reviewing the recent Building Conditions Survey and touring the buildings of the school district. We wish to ensure that the community's investment is in good repair and that regular maintenance of the facilities is completed. The scope of a future project will be communicated later this year as we fine tune these needs with the committee of school employees and community members. A proposition regarding the creation of a new Capital Reserve not to exceed \$1,000,000 will be on the May 16 ballot. This reserve will be used to partially offset the tax impact of future capital projects.

All are welcome to attend the Budget hearing on May 8th at 6:30 PM in the High School Auditorium. The Budget Vote takes place in the high school lobby on May 16th from 12:00 PM till 8:00 PM.

Board of Education

Cindy Buerkle, President
Barb Closson, Vice President
Tony Opera
Cheryl Kenyon
Stephen Tobias
Kristina Maricle
Nathaniel Wayman

Respectfully,

Melinda McCool

Melinda McCool,
Superintendent



McGraw Central School District Class of 2017

District Vision Statement

The Mission of the McGraw Central School District is to pursue the maximum fulfillment of each student's potential. We will accomplish this by identifying student outcomes based on excellence, fostering and enhancing student opportunities, emphasizing student enthusiasm,

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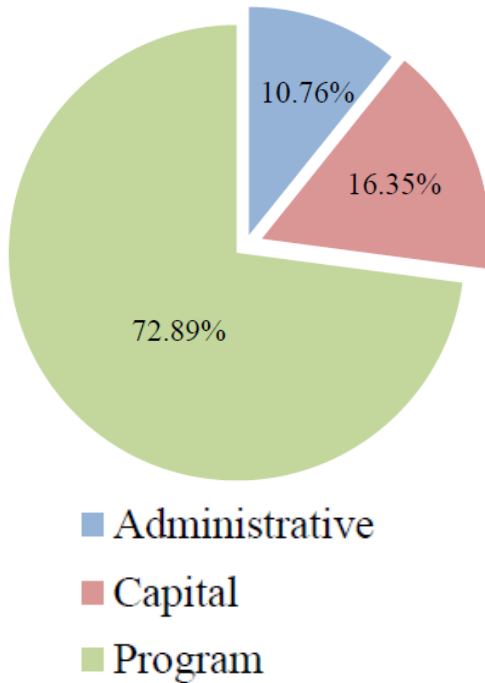
Administrative Component	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget	Variance
Total Board of Education	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200	\$ -
Total District Clerk	\$ 2,909	\$ 3,023	\$ 114
Total District Meeting	\$ 3,150	\$ 4,350	\$ 1,200
Total Superintendent's Office	\$ 167,747	\$ 148,379	\$ (19,368)
Total Business Administration	\$ 236,900	\$ 244,320	\$ 7,420
Total Auditing	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,000	\$ (3,000)
Total Tax Collector	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ -
Total Fiscal Agent	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Total Legal	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Total Personnel	\$ 57,384	\$ 56,684	\$ (700)
Total Printing and Mailing	\$ 11,800	\$ 11,800	\$ -
Total Unallocated Insurance	\$ 55,500	\$ 55,500	\$ -
Total BOCES Admin Costs	\$ 41,700	\$ 42,397	\$ 697
Total Curriculum Development	\$ 41,900	\$ 48,142	\$ 6,242
Total Supervision-Regular School	\$ 262,168	\$ 259,426	\$ (2,742)
Total Inservice Training	\$ 38,400	\$ 38,450	\$ 50
Total Supervision - Students w/Disabilities	\$ 36,400	\$ 42,642	\$ 6,242
Employee Benefits	\$ 321,725	\$ 303,107	\$ (18,618)
Total	\$ 1,328,583	\$ 1,306,120	\$ (22,463)

Program Component	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget	Variance
Total Teaching Regular School	\$ 3,160,995	\$ 3,331,296	\$ 170,301
Total Students w/Disabilities	\$ 1,102,276	\$ 1,133,874	\$ 31,598
Total Occupational Education	\$ 374,500	\$ 300,690	\$ (73,810)
Total Summer School/Special Schools	\$ 36,096	\$ 37,220	\$ 1,124
Total Library/Audiovisual	\$ 136,676	\$ 137,854	\$ 1,178
Total Computer Assisted Instruction	\$ 488,700	\$ 504,800	\$ 16,100
Total Guidance	\$ 265,423	\$ 259,822	\$ (5,601)
Total Health Services	\$ 60,118	\$ 62,162	\$ 2,044
Total Psychologist Services	\$ 62,435	\$ 64,793	\$ 2,358
Total Co-Curricular	\$ 33,451	\$ 33,659	\$ 208
Total Interscholastic Athletic	\$ 99,639	\$ 104,789	\$ 5,150
Total District Transportation	\$ 358,103	\$ 366,872	\$ 8,769
Total Garage Building	\$ 25,537	\$ 25,623	\$ 86
Total Contract Transportation	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Total Community Recreation	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,528,336	\$ 2,464,136	\$ (64,200)
Interfund Transfers	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,753,285	\$ 8,848,590	\$ 95,305

Capital Component	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget	Variance
Total Operation of Plant	\$ 625,581	\$ 613,706	\$ (11,875)
Total Maintenance of Plant	\$ 276,835	\$ 281,521	\$ 4,686
Employee Benefits	\$ 232,800	\$ 222,220	\$ (10,580)
Total Debt Service	\$ 768,319	\$ 768,133	\$ (186)
Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital ¹	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,003,535	\$ 1,985,580	\$ (17,955)

¹ The 2017-18 proposed budget includes a \$100,000 Transfer to Capital Fund which will be used for upgrades to the Elementary School to improve energy efficiency.

3-Part Budget



Elementary Halloween Parade

2017-18 Property Tax Report Card

110304-McGraw Central School District

Contact Person: Troy Bilodeau, Business Administrator

Telephone Number: 607-836-3640

	Budgeted 2016-17 (A)	Proposed Budget 2017-18 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	12,085,403	12,140,290	0.45%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	3,009,362	3,042,873	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	3,009,362	3,042,873	1.11%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	4,348	0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	3,005,014	3,042,877	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	3,005,014	3,042,873	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	0	4	
Public School Enrollment	522	526	0.77%
Consumer Price Index			1.26%

¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

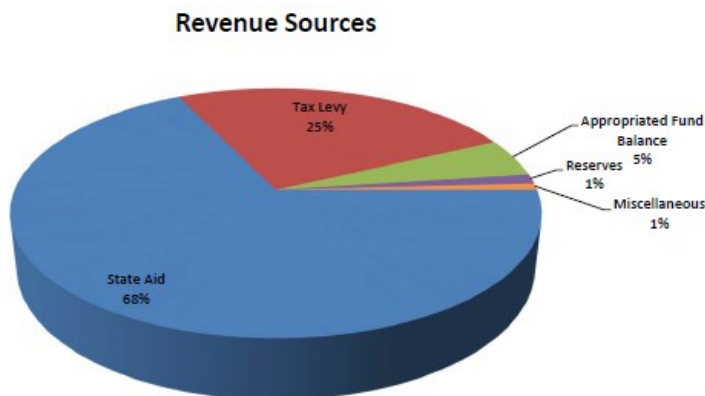
³ For 2017-18, includes any carryover from 2016-17 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2016-17 (D)	Estimated 2017-18 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	2,509,803	2,891,728
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	601,677	601,677
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,137,708	485,612
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	9.41%	4.00%

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Revenue Overview

	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget
State Aid	\$ 8,027,468	\$ 8,238,613
Tax Levy	\$ 3,009,362	\$ 3,042,873
Fund Balance	\$ 601,677	\$ 601,677
Reserves	\$ 308,397	\$ 152,177
Miscellaneous	\$ 138,499	\$ 104,950
Total	\$ 12,085,403	\$ 12,140,290



Tax Projections

Estimated 2017-18 Tax Bills & Increase						
Assessed Value	No STAR		Basic STAR		Enhanced STAR	
	Estimated Tax Bill	Estimated Increase	Estimated Tax Bill	Estimated Increase	Estimated Tax Bill	Estimated Increase
\$60,000	\$1,099.61	\$12.11	\$549.80	\$6.05	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$70,000	\$1,282.88	\$14.13	\$733.07	\$8.07	\$122.79	\$1.35
\$80,000	\$1,466.14	\$16.15	\$916.34	\$10.09	\$306.06	\$3.37
\$90,000	\$1,649.41	\$18.16	\$1,099.61	\$12.11	\$489.33	\$5.39
\$100,000	\$1,832.68	\$20.18	\$1,282.88	\$14.13	\$672.59	\$7.41
\$125,000	\$2,290.85	\$25.23	\$1,741.05	\$19.17	\$1,130.76	\$12.45

Please note 2017-18 taxes are *estimated* based on 2016-17 assessed values and equalization rates.

Estimated Rates Based on 2016-17 Assessments and Equalization Rates

	2016-17	2017-18
Cortlandville	\$18.12	\$18.33
Freetown	\$19.49	\$19.71
Homer	\$18.33	\$18.33
Solon	\$19.59	\$19.81
Taylor	\$21.32	\$21.56
Truxton	\$18.12	\$18.33
Virgil	\$18.12	\$18.33
District	\$18.12	\$18.33
Actual Increase per Thousand		\$0.21



Junior Honor Society, Senior Honor Society, and FBLA Trip to NYC—December 2016

Budget Q & A

Q Does the budget for 2017-18 reduce or eliminate any academic, fine arts, athletic or extracurricular programs for our students?

A No. The 2017-18 proposed budget maintains all existing academic, fine arts, athletic and extracurricular programs. Additionally, the district will create one section of Prekindergarten, add a full time Director of Technology and add a part time ELL Teacher which will allow us to best meet the needs of students in our district.

Q What is the Tax Levy Limit for 2017-18 and does McGraw Central School District exceed this limit?

A The Tax Levy Limit for McGraw Central School District is 1.11% . The budgeted tax levy increase is also 1.11%, therefore the district is not exceeding the Tax Levy Limit.

Q What are the significant increases in the 2017-18 budget?

A While there were many increases, the 3 most significant increases are program costs for Special Education students, contractual salary increases for all district employees, and increases in health insurance costs. Many of these increases were offset by decreases in other areas such as a reduction in pension costs and a reduction in salary costs associated with retirement of staff.



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About Our Schools

Elementary School

2017-18 Elementary School Program Highlights

- New Pre-kindergarten classroom plus access to Head Start
- Exceptional STEM activities available for students K-5
- Hands-on Science curriculum with use of new technology features
- iPads and Chromebooks for classroom student use
- Keyboarding classes to be offered for all Elementary School students
- Summer enrichment program offerings
- Instrumental lessons offered to students in 4th and 5th grade
- Coding and Robotics Instruction
- Reasonable class sizes
- Classroom intervention support for reading and math
- Strong Character Education Program



Breakfast with the Principal



High School

2017-18 High School Program Highlights

- College level classes in English, Math, Science, Foreign Language and Business
- New electives for grades 9-12
 - ◊ Environmental Science - College Level
 - ◊ Child Development
 - ◊ Healthy Cooking for Nutrition and Fitness
 - ◊ Yearbook Production
- Coding & Robotics elective increased to two semesters
- iPads, Chromebooks, laptops and desktop computers available in various areas
- Reasonable class sizes
- AIS support in Math, Social Studies, Reading and English
- Music program in vocal and instrumental areas
- Summer Driver Education program
- Middle School character education and academic rewards program
- Extracurricular activities for all grade levels
- Competitive sports for grades 7-12
- Intramural sports for grade 6



Candidates for the Board of Education

ELECTIONS - Board of Education

There is one (1) candidate for two (2) vacancies. You can vote for two which includes write-ins.

Marisa Zogg

Background Information:

Marisa has been a resident of McGraw since March 2016. Her husband Steve grew up in McGraw and they have 3 children who attend McGraw Elementary School and are active in sports programs in McGraw. She works as the Program Director of Cortland Regional Wound Care Center.

Inspirational Quote:

“Always go with the choice that scares you the most, because that’s the one that is going to help you grow.” - Caroline Myss



Girls Varsity Basketball



Face Painting at the PTO Carnival

Personal Voter Registration

The District’s Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in the cafeteria of the McGraw High School between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing the register. Any person who is currently enrolled in county personal registration will automatically be enrolled in the school district registration and will not have to attend the sign up session listed above. Any person who is not enrolled in the county personal registration shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such board of registration, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. To be entitled to vote in the District, a person must be a citizen of the United States, must be at least 18 years of age, and must be a resident of the district for thirty (30) days prior to May 16, 2017.

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Information About Bus Purchases

- Approximately 80% of the cost of the buses will be offset by State Aid paid over a 5 year period.
- McGraw CSD is on a cycle that allows all student transportation vehicles to be replaced every 7 years.
- The 7 year cycle allows the District to keep maintenance and repair costs relatively low.
- The 7 year cycle allows the District to plan for the replacement of buses rather than having to make unanticipated, unbudgeted transportation purchases.
- The proposed cost is \$205,000.

Information About the Capital Reserve

- The Capital Reserve will be used to partially offset the cost of future capital projects to the local taxpayers.
- If approved, the term of the Capital Reserve Fund will be 10 years, with a total funding limit capped at \$1,000,000.
- If approved, the reserve will be funded with the monies in the Capital Reserve established in 1998 and unassigned fund balance.

Propositions

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the McGraw Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sums set forth for the General Fund Appropriations in the amount of \$12,140,290.

PROPOSITION I – Transportation

Shall the Board of Education purchase and, at the option of the Board, finance two (2) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$205,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other necessary costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$205,000 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax which is hereby voted for the foregoing in the amount of \$205,000, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds, notes or installment purchase contracts are hereby authorized to be issued or executed at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$205,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION II – 2017 Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the McGraw Central School District, be authorized to create a new ten-year capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, to be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities, including purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic fields, storm and sanitary sewer, driveways, and parking lots, such reserve fund to be funded from (i) the balance on deposit in the 1998 Capital Reserve Fund (which will be closed if this proposition is approved), (ii) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (iii) transfers of excess money from Board of Education designated reserves, (iv) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, all as permitted by law?

Absentee Ballot

The use of Absentee Ballots has been authorized by the Board of Education for all school district elections and referendums. Listed below are the regulations:

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age by the date of election, and a resident of the school district for 30 days immediately preceding the date of the election.
2. The applicant must be unable to appear in person to vote on that day for one of the following reasons:
 - The applicant is a patient in the hospital or unable to appear because of physical disability or illness;
 - The applicant's duties, occupation or business require him/her to be outside the county of residence;
 - The applicant will be on vacation outside the county of residence;
 - The applicant will be detained in jail awaiting trial or grand jury action, or has been sentenced after conviction for an offense other than a felony, or
 - The applicant expects to be absent from the district on the day of election by reason of accompanying his/her spouse, parent, or child, who if said spouse, parent, or child were a qualified voter, would be entitled to vote by Absentee Ballot.
3. Notwithstanding the above, any qualified voter of the district who is unable to appear personally at the polling place by reason of permanent illness or physical disability and whose registration record has been marked "permanently disabled" by the Board of Elections and who has previously applied for an Absentee Ballot shall be entitled to receive subsequent Absentee Ballots without separate application.

Application for Absentee Ballot - Anyone wishing to vote by Absentee Ballot should request one from the District Clerk. An application is included below for your convenience. The ballot may not be counted unless a signed application is returned. If any Absentee Ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be received by the district clerk at least seven days prior to the election. If the absentee ballot is to be hand delivered to the voter, the application must be received by the district clerk at least one day prior to the election.

Absentee Ballot Application - As of the school district election to be conducted on May 16, 2017, I will be over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the District for 30 days preceding the election. I will be unable to appear in person to vote on that day because (check one):

- ☐ I will be a patient in the hospital or unable to appear because of illness or physical disability.
- ☐ My duties, occupation or business require me to be out of county of residence.

A brief description of my duties and circumstances on my account of which I will be absent are as follows:

- ☐ I will be on vacation outside of my county of residence. I expect to begin my vacation on _____ and end on _____ I expect to spend my vacation at _____.
- ☐ I will be detained or confined to jail awaiting action of the grand jury.
- ☐ I will be detained or confined to jail after conviction of an offense other than a felony.
- ☐ I am a qualified voter who will be accompanying a spouse, child, or parent of a person who would be entitled to vote by Absentee Ballot and I will be out of my county of residence by reason of accompanying said person.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE STATEMENT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I MAKE ANY MATERIAL FALSE STATEMENT IN THE FOREGOING STATEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, I SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Science Class

Public Hearing May 8

6:30 pm - McGraw High School

Annual Vote May 16

Noon to 8:00 pm - McGraw High School



6th Grade Field Trip—Camp Owahta