



**PROPOSED
BUDGET
2010-11**

**BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
7:00 pm
High School Cafeteria**

The purpose of this brochure is to provide you with information on the proposed budget for the 2010-11 school year. Listening to the news or reading any newspaper gives a daily reminder that the state and the nation are in a fiscal crisis. The impact of this crisis has taken its toll on school districts, and McGraw is no exception. It is the result of sound fiscal management and multi year planning that allow us to present you with a budget that maintains program and keeps the tax levy at a reasonable rate.

We truly believe this budget supports our commitment to providing a quality educational program for all students. You are invited to attend the budget hearing to discuss details of the proposed budget.

Please make time to vote on the school budget on Tuesday, May 18.

Board of Education

Dave Bordwell, Pres. Barb Closson, Vice-Pres.
Kim Morse Ginny Mott
Tony Opera Matt Tracy

**VOTE
Tuesday, May 18, 2010
Noon to 7:00 pm
McGraw High School**

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Tax Levy Summary...

2010-11 Bdgt. Proposal—\$10,098,756
Projected Tax Levy—\$2,750,496
Estimated Tax/\$1,000 True*—\$17.86
Current Tax/\$1,000 True*—\$17.67
Difference—plus .19/\$1,000 True*

**Based upon 2009 Assessments*

Contingency Budget...

If the budget is denied by the taxpayers at the first vote, the BOE has three options:

- Resubmit the same budget for a second vote
- Submit a modified budget for a vote
- Adopt a contingency budget

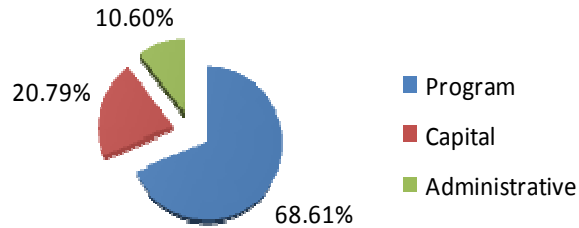
If the budget is denied a second time by the taxpayers, the BOE must adopt a contingency budget.

The law changed a number of years ago placing a cap on the level of spending permitted under contingency *without regard to what must be eliminated to reach that dollar amount.*

A partial list of expenses not permitted under contingency regulations

- Use of school buildings and grounds by outside agencies or organizations without charge
- Capital expenditures
- Equipment purchases
- Purchase of pupil supplies
- Pupil uniforms (whether for athletic activities or otherwise)

Three-Part Budget...



Budget Summary...

- ◆ Total spending increase—\$406,762 or 4.19%
- ◆ Tax Levy increase of 1.04% or an increase of approximately \$0.19/\$1,000 on true value
(based upon 2009 assessments)
- ◆ Using federal grants and stimulus money for professional development and curriculum alignment
- ◆ Planning for future funding challenges
- ◆ Maintaining all current programs and staff positions



The School Budget Notice...

Why is this card mailed so close to the budget date and after the public hearing?

Under NYS Law, the school district is required to mail this card after the public budget hearing but no less than six days prior to the budget vote.

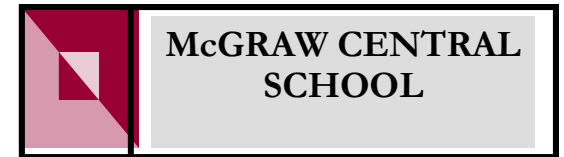
The card layout is confusing. Why isn't it easier to understand?

The law dictates the card layout, what information is to be included and the order for everything on the card.

My home is not valued at \$100,000. Why is this figure always used to calculate the STAR savings?

This is a directive from New York State. All districts are required to use a home with a true value of \$100,000 as the basis for this calculation.

If you have further questions after receiving the School Budget Notice, please contact the school at 607-836-3640.



Effective Practices, Ingredients to Success...

- ◆ Sharing teaching and administrative staff with other schools to decrease the cost to taxpayers
- ◆ Maintaining small class size to maximize student learning
- ◆ Multi-year fiscal planning to ensure maintenance of student programs at a minimal tax levy increase
- ◆ Continuing cooperative purchasing agreements
- ◆ Expanding the use of technology to increase opportunities for students

Additional Budget Propositions...

- ◆ Purchase two 66-passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$191,000
- ◆ Vote for three board members—two three-year terms and one two-year term