



2024-2025

McGraw Central School District Budget Proposal



PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Allowable
Tax Levy
Limit:
5.25%

Proposed
Tax Levy
Increase:
3.08%

Budget
Increase:
1.70% or
\$277,270

To Pursue the Maximum Fulfillment of Each Child's Individual Potential

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Budgeting for 2024-25

Dear McGraw Families,

The McGraw Central School District Board of Education adopted a proposed budget of \$16,560,265 at its April 17, 2024 meeting. This marked the culmination of months of combined efforts of district stakeholders and presentations at Board of Education meetings over the course of this year.

The proposed budget allows the district to maintain most of its current programming. McGraw CSD remains dedicated to meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs and interests of our students through small class sizes, electives, academic supports, and extra-curricular activities.

With the expiration of the federal stimulus funding, we are forced to realign our programming with our financial resources. This will require us to differentiate within the classroom to offer enrichment opportunities to our students and to provide support to our teachers without the benefit of instructional coaches. However, the district will remain diligent in seeking out grant opportunities for supplemental funding.

The proposed budget-to-budget increase of 1.70% will be offset by an increase of \$81,376 in state aid and a proposed tax levy increase of 3.08%, despite an allowable tax levy limit of 5.25%. In addition to those previously mentioned, the proposed budget preserves many other programs including, but not limited to prekindergarten, athletics, summer school, agricultural science, and the arts. It allows us to expand our in-house special education programs. It invests in safety and security with our annual capital outlay project and the addition of a School Resource Officer.

The district's five-year bus replacement plan minimizes costly repairs to our vehicles and maximizes our trade-in values to reduce the net purchase price of new buses. This ensures that our students are provided with safe and reliable transportation every day. Given our existing state aid ratios for transportation, this practice allows us to maintain and upgrade our fleet while being financially responsible to our community.

Thank you to the McGraw community for your continued support and appreciation of the high-quality education that we are able to provide to our students.

Respectfully yours,

Troy Bilodeau

Acting Superintendent

Board of Education

Cheryl Kenyon, President
Rebekah Stull, Vice President
Kristina Maricle
Michael Murray
Darrin Osborne
Tony Opera
Marisa Zogg



District Vision Statement

The Mission of the McGraw Central School District is to pursue the maximum fulfillment of each child's individual potential. We will accomplish this by:

- ◇ Identifying and working towards goals for student achievement
- ◇ Fostering and enhancing opportunities for all students
- ◇ Emphasizing student enthusiasm, empowerment and engagement
- ◇ Developing respectful, caring and responsible citizens
- ◇ And promoting parent, school, and community involvement.

Propositions

PROPOSITION I – Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the McGraw Central School District be authorized to appropriate and expend \$16,560,265 for general purposes for the year of 2024-2025 and to levy a tax on the taxable property of the school district as provided by law?

PROPOSITION II – Transportation

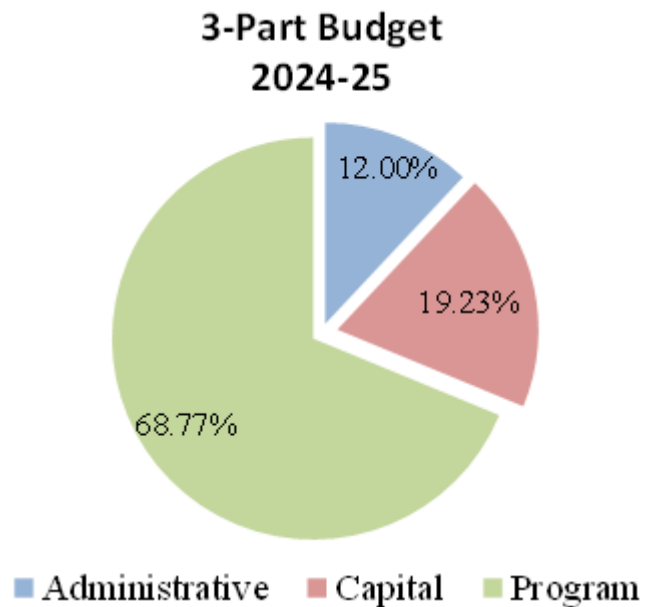
Shall the Board of Education purchase and, at its option, finance one (1) 66-passenger school bus, one (1) wheelchair school bus and one (1) compact vehicle to be used for student transport, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$389,254, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$389,254, 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 and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$389,254, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

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 5 years.
- The 5 year cycle allows the District to keep maintenance and repair costs relatively low.
- The 5 year cycle allows the District to plan for the replacement of buses rather than having to make unanticipated, unbudgeted transportation purchases.
- The estimated net cost after trade-in is \$329,254.

PROPOSITION III – Voter Registration

Shall the McGraw Central School District Board of Education authorize the personal registration of voters for school district elections on a continuous basis during certain specified hours of the school day at the office of the District Clerk or Business Office of the School District by the District Clerk, Assistant District Clerk, or a member of the Board of Registration, instead of or in addition to convening the Board of Registration?



Absentee Ballot Application is available on the district website
<https://tinyurl.com/Absentee-Ballot-App>

Early Mail Ballot Application is available on the district website
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Administrative Component	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Variance
Total Board of Education	\$ 11,300	\$ 11,300	\$ -
Total District Clerk	\$ 3,721	\$ 3,912	\$ 191
Total District Meeting	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,350	\$ -
Total Superintendent's Office	\$ 229,623	\$ 244,285	\$ 14,662
Total Business Administration	\$ 304,255	\$ 317,309	\$ 13,054
Total Auditing	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,000	\$ 500
Total Tax Collector	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ -
Total Fiscal Agent	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Total Legal	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Total Personnel	\$ 78,453	\$ 81,153	\$ 2,700
Total Security of Plant	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Total Printing and Mailing	\$ 11,800	\$ 11,800	\$ -
Total Unallocated Insurance	\$ 63,500	\$ 63,500	\$ -
Total BOCES Admin Costs	\$ 53,700	\$ 52,800	\$ (900)
Total Curriculum Development	\$ 149,393	\$ 120,559	\$ (28,834)
Total Supervision - Regular School	\$ 316,031	\$ 327,529	\$ 11,498
Total Supervision - Students with Disabilities	\$ 137,824	\$ 89,756	\$ (48,068)
Employee Benefits	\$ 593,748	\$ 547,830	\$ (45,918)
Total	\$ 1,997,898	\$ 1,986,783	\$ (11,115)

Program Component	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Variance
Total Inservice Training	\$ 48,900	\$ 47,300	\$ (1,600)
Total Teaching Regular School	\$ 3,363,590	\$ 3,554,622	\$ 191,032
Total Students with Disabilities	\$ 2,020,237	\$ 2,032,539	\$ 12,302
Total Occupational Education	\$ 378,300	\$ 366,000	\$ (12,300)
Total Summer School/Special Schools	\$ 54,344	\$ 50,701	\$ (3,643)
Total Library/Audiovisual	\$ 140,474	\$ 113,604	\$ (26,870)
Total Computer Assisted Instruction	\$ 622,382	\$ 603,237	\$ (19,145)
Total Guidance	\$ 361,738	\$ 296,894	\$ (64,844)
Total Health Services	\$ 89,409	\$ 97,350	\$ 7,941
Total Psychologist Services	\$ 94,478	\$ 140,910	\$ 46,432
Total Co-Curricular	\$ 44,596	\$ 46,286	\$ 1,690
Total Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 135,420	\$ 142,882	\$ 7,462
Total District Transportation	\$ 500,621	\$ 476,205	\$ (24,416)
Total Garage Building	\$ 36,512	\$ 36,681	\$ 169
Total Contract Transportation	\$ 1,365	\$ 1,365	\$ -
Total Community Recreation	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,149,329	\$ 3,362,159	\$ 212,830
Interfund Transfers	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Total	\$ 11,062,195	\$ 11,389,235	\$ 327,040

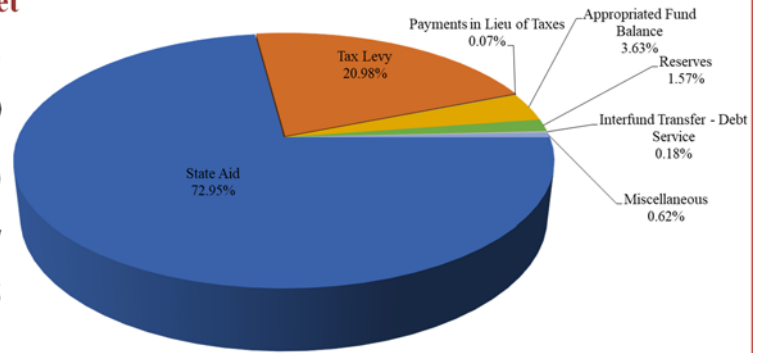
Capital Component	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Variance
Total Operation of Plant	\$ 674,168	\$ 702,896	\$ 28,728
Total Maintenance of Plant	\$ 462,879	\$ 376,921	\$ (85,958)
Employee Benefits	\$ 290,780	\$ 310,955	\$ 20,175
Total Debt Service	\$ 1,695,075	\$ 1,693,475	\$ (1,600)
Interfund Transfers - Transfer to Capital ¹	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,222,902	\$ 3,184,247	\$ (38,655)

¹ The 2024-25 proposed budget includes a \$100,000 Transfer to Capital Fund which will be used for safety and security within the High School. Protective window film will be installed in various locations.

Revenue

2023-24 Budget 2024-25 Budget

State Aid	\$ 11,999,377	\$ 12,080,753
Tax Levy	\$ 3,371,060	\$ 3,475,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$ 10,990	\$ 11,210
Fund Balance	\$ 601,677	\$ 601,677
Reserves	\$ 168,789	\$ 259,175
Interfund Transfer - Debt Service	\$ 20,652	\$ 30,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 110,450	\$ 102,450
Total	\$ 16,282,995	\$ 16,560,265



Tax Projections

Estimated 2024-25 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
\$80,000	\$1,083.06	\$32.40	\$676.91	\$20.25	\$226.09	\$6.76
\$100,000	\$1,353.82	\$40.49	\$947.68	\$28.35	\$496.85	\$14.86
\$120,000	\$1,624.59	\$48.59	\$1,218.44	\$36.44	\$767.62	\$22.96
\$140,000	\$1,895.35	\$56.69	\$1,489.21	\$44.54	\$1,038.38	\$31.06
\$160,000	\$2,166.12	\$64.79	\$1,759.97	\$52.64	\$1,309.15	\$39.16
\$180,000	\$2,436.88	\$72.89	\$2,030.73	\$60.74	\$1,579.91	\$47.26
\$200,000	\$2,707.65	\$80.99	\$2,301.50	\$68.84	\$1,850.68	\$55.36

Please note 2024-25 taxes are *estimated* based on 2023-24 assessed values and equalization rates.



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2024-25 Property Tax Report Card

110304-McGraw Central School District
 Contact Person: Troy Bilodeau, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Instruction
 Telephone Number: 607-836-3640

	Budget 2023-24 (A)	Proposed Budget 2024-25 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	16,282,995	16,560,265	1.70%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	3,371,060	3,475,000	
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)	3,371,060	3,475,000	3.08%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	35,571	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	3,444,263	3,512,495	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	3,371,060	3,439,429	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	73,203	73,066	
Public School Enrollment	457	460	0.66%
Consumer Price Index			4.12%

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 2024-25, includes any carryover from 2023-24 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2023-24 (D)	Estimated 2024-25 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	5,581,053	4,289,962
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	601,677	601,677
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	651,320	662,411
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%

Please note that the complete Property Tax Report Card is available on the District's website.



Candidates for the Board of Education

ELECTIONS - Board of Education

As of April 24, 2024, there are five (5) candidates for three (3) vacancies. You can vote for three which includes write-ins. The seats are presently held by Cheryl Kenyon, Michael Murray, and Tony Opera.

Cheryl Kenyon has served on the McGraw CSD Board of Education since 2012, and is currently the Board President. She also served on the Booster Club as a President and is a member of the McGraw Recreation Committee. She and her husband have lived in McGraw for 40 years and their son is a McGraw graduate. Cheryl believes an important role of the Board is to support the social and mental health of everyone in the district and that the Board needs to support the staff, students, and families of McGraw.

Justin Baker is a McGraw graduate and served in the US Air Force. Since his return to McGraw with his family 13 years ago, he has served the community as a Boy Scouts of America Scoutmaster and leader. Three of his children are McGraw graduates and he and his wife have a son who attends McGraw High School. Justin believes the Board should find avenues to expose our students to opportunities outside of McGraw through academics, athletics, arts, and performance.

Megan Johnson has been a McGraw resident for 12 years with her husband and 2 children who both attend McGraw High School. She works as the Cortlandville Town Bookkeeper and has been involved in scouting as a scout leader in McGraw and taught Faith Formation at St. Margaret's Church. Megan believes that community members, teachers, and tax payers want to be heard. She will do her best to hear their voices and help bring unity to the district.

Glenn Doran has lived in the McGraw Central School District for 9 years with his wife and 2 stepchildren who graduated from McGraw. He works as the President of Higgins Supply/C&H Plastics and has served as the Cortland Chamber Treasurer and a member of MACNY. Glenn believes that student and staff safety should be a priority and wants to see School Resource Officers at both school buildings, as well as a collaborative effort with the school and village to provide crossing guards.

Michael Barylski and his wife have resided in the district for over 28 years. He has previously served as a Cortland County Legislator. Michael believes that fiscal responsibility, teacher and staff satisfaction, and student engagement and success must be collectively considered. He also believes that his education and work experience with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation have provided him with the necessary foundations to address these factors.

Board of Education candidate petitions are due to the Office of the District Clerk by May 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM due to the withdrawal of a candidate.



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Public Hearing May 9, 2024

6:15 pm - McGraw High School Library

Meet the Candidates May 15, 2024

6:00 pm - McGraw High School Auditorium

Annual Vote May 21, 2024

Noon to 8:00 pm - McGraw High School

