

CENTER MORICHES SCHOOL DISTRICT

District News

May 2014 — Special Budget Issue

Proposition #1: Proposed Budget: \$ 40,486,398
Tax-Levy Increase: 1.18%

The Board of Education unanimously set lofty goals for this year's budgeting process. These goals were:

- Maintaining the current academic, athletic, and extracurricular student programs;
- Keeping the budget within the Governor's calculated tax levy cap; and
- Lowering the district's reliance on applied fund balance.

A 1.18% Tax Levy Increase equals a total increase of \$82.32 to the average CM household!

THE PROPOSED BUDGET ADDS:

- Additional Security Cameras
- Additional H.S. & M.S. Reading

THE PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS:

- High School Electives
- Library-Media Instruction
- All Athletic Programs
- All Music Programs
- The Entire Fine Arts Program
- All Extracurricular Programs
- All Clubs District-wide
- Parent-Child Home Program
- All Overnight Field Trips



The 2014-15 School Budget:

2014-15 PROPOSED BUDGET

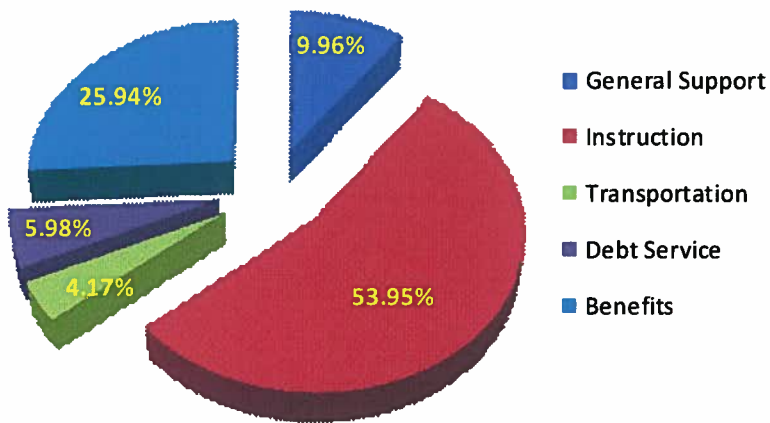
	Approved Budget <u>2013-14</u>	Proposed Budget <u>2014-15</u>	Dollar Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>	Percent Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>
General Support				
Board of Education	34,529	39,822	5,293	
Central Administration	453,943	447,973	(5,970)	
Finance	746,719	755,524	8,805	
Staff	109,295	109,295	0	
Central Services	2,361,124	2,362,680	1,556	
Special Items	323,620	316,620	(7,000)	
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	4,029,230	4,031,914	2,684	0.07%
Instruction				
Instruction, Administration & Improvement	1,349,155	1,348,038	(1,117)	
Teaching Regular School	11,330,547	11,342,331	11,784	
Programs for Children w/ Disabilities	5,493,343	5,678,866	185,523	
Occupational Education	371,816	356,676	(15,140)	
Teaching Special School	53,725	55,812	2,087	
Instructional Media	820,548	720,003	(100,545)	
Pupil Services	2,424,689	2,339,077	(85,612)	
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	21,843,823	21,840,803	(3,020)	(0.01%)
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION—Pupil	1,669,482	1,689,789	20,307	1.22%
Undistributed Expenses				
Employee Benefits	9,646,754	10,503,706	856,952	
Debt Service	2,644,667	2,400,186	(244,481)	
Interfund Transfers	20,000	20,000	0	
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES	12,311,421	12,923,892	612,471	4.97%
TOTAL BUDGET	39,853,956	40,486,398	632,442	1.59%

2014-15 PROPOSED REVENUE

	Approved Budget <u>2013-14</u>	Proposed Budget <u>2014-15</u>	Dollar Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>	Percent Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>
Revenue				
State Aid	10,203,420	11,202,927	999,507	
Tuition (East Moriches, Special Ed, Native American)	5,982,608	5,912,212	(70,396)	
Miscellaneous (Interest, Foster, Health Services, Etc.)	200,000	200,000	0	
Other Income & Refunds	260,140	291,990	31,850	
Applied Fund Balance	2,100,000	1,521,852	(578,148)	
Tax Levy	21,107,788	21,357,417	249,629	
TOTAL REVENUE	39,853,956	40,486,398	632,442	1.59%
TAX LEVY CALCULATION				
Total Budget	39,853,956	40,486,398	632,442	1.59%
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	21,107,788	21,357,417	249,629	1.18%

1.18% EQUALS \$82.32 FOR THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

2014-15 Expenditures



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION—Two seats are open

In addition to the budget, residents will also be electing two members to the Center Moriches Board of Education for the seats now held by Mr. Daniel Finnegan and Mrs. Heather Schaub-Magill.

CANDIDATES:

Daniel Finnegan	Joshua P. Foster	Patrick Hahn
Kelly Platt	James Scott Sigerson	Gary Unger

Center Moriches UFSD

School Property Tax Report Card

2014-2015 Proposed Budget	\$40,486,398
2013-2014 Budget	\$39,853,956
Increase in Proposed Budget	\$632,442
Percentage Budget to Budget Increase	1.59%
2014-2015 Estimated Tax Levy	\$21,357,417
2013-2014 Tax Levy	\$21,107,788
Estimated Increase in Tax Levy	\$249,629
Estimated Percentage Increase in Tax Levy	1.18%
Consumer Price Index	1.46%
2014-2015 Estimated Student Enrollment	1,737
2013-2014 Student Enrollment	1,737
Estimated Increase in Student Enrollment	0
Percentage Change in Student Enrollment	0.00%

Question & Answer

Q: What were the priorities for the 2014-2015 budget creation?

A: The Board of Education faced many challenges in creating the budget. Its overall goal was to continue providing high quality programs, while staying within the Governor's tax levy limitations, and lowering the district's reliance on the applied fund balance.

Q: How does the school budget affect the average homeowner?

A: The tax levy of the school district will increase by 1.18%. This rate, combined with the assessed valuation rate that is normally received from the Town of Brookhaven in September, determines the actual cost. Current information places this cost at \$82.32 for the average homeowner.

Q: How does the tax cap impact our school budget?

A: The district requires a simple majority of voters to approve a budget that is at (or below) the tax cap. Center Moriches' tax cap for the 2014-15 school year is 1.18%. Since the district is proposing a tax levy at that rate, a simple majority is needed.

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VOTER INFORMATION

If you have not voted in any political or school district vote within the past four years, you will need to re-register. The district holds open registration any weekday at the secondary campus. You must be registered by May 15, 2014, in order to be eligible to vote on the school budget and Board Trustee election on May 20, 2014.

You are Eligible to Vote If You Are:

- A United States Citizen;
- 18 years of age or older, as of May 20, 2014;
- A resident of the Center Moriches School District for 30 days prior to the elections;
- Registered with the school district

OR

Suffolk County Board of Elections.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Voting will take place in the Clayton Huey Gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Absentee ballots may be used by eligible voters for voting on the school budget and the Board Trustee election. Residents may apply for absentee ballots if they are registered voters and will be unable to get to the polls because of the various reasons specified on the application. Applications can be obtained at the High School office between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A completed application must be received by the District Clerk on, or before May 13, 2014, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by the day before, if the ballot is to be picked up in person. Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014.

BUDGET HEARING and BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Public Session at 7:00 p.m.

Center Moriches High School

Auditorium

BUDGET VOTE and SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Clayton Huey Gymnasium

511 Main Street

Center Moriches, NY

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE

This budget newsletter provides the basic numbers, facts, and history regarding the proposed 2014-2015 budget. Detailed budget information can be found on the district website or by calling the Business Office at 878-0052, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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