



Mattituck-Cutchogue

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PROPOSED BUDGET SUPPORTS:

Enriching Educational Opportunities

- Expansion of higher-level courses.
- Additional reading and math programs for challenged learners.
- Robotics and STEAM initiatives K-12.

Improving the Learning Environment

- Providing virtual learning opportunities.
- Replacing student furniture to meet today's learning needs.
- Initiating a community-based internship program.

Leveraging District Investments

- Expanding instructional technology, security and infrastructure.
- Updating learning spaces, bathrooms and faculty rooms.
- Enhancing and replacing maintenance equipment.



A Message From the Board of Education

Dear Neighbor:

We hope this message finds you and your family safe and well as we continue to cope with the impact of a health pandemic unlike any other in our lifetime. Our condolences to those who have experienced hardship or the loss of a loved one. Our sincere gratitude to the members of our community who put saving the lives of others before their own lives. You are truly heroes and role models for our children to emulate.

As we look forward to a brighter future, the Board of Education and administration have continued working throughout this time to finalize a proposed 2020-2021 school budget that has been reduced to acknowledge the changing economy. The proposed budget represents a 1.75% tax levy increase, which is significantly lower than the allowable tax levy cap of 2.29%. Once again, this increase is one of the lowest on Long Island.

This proposed budget maintains all current programs and student offerings. It provides numerous enhancements, including new coursework at the high school level, updated math materials aligned to the Next Generation Learning Standards for grades 5-8, and advancing K-12 STEAM education. In addition, we have included extracurricular activities and a unified sports program for our most challenged students, and security upgrades to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Thanks to the ongoing success of partnerships established within our community, we will continue to preserve and promote future life-readiness experiences for our students through internships and civic-minded educational experiences.



Residents will be asked to vote on expending funds from the previously voter-approved Capital Reserve Fund to support needed repairs and renovations. Furthermore, approval is being requested by voters on the creation of a Repair Reserve Fund for ongoing or emergency repairs as needed, both at no additional cost to taxpayers.

In summary, despite these unprecedented and challenging times, we are committed to our community to be fiscally responsible. We are pleased to present a proposed budget that is both below our allowable tax levy cap and preserves and expands the quality educational opportunities we as a community expect for our children.

You can learn more about the details of the proposed 2020-2021 budget by carefully reviewing the following information and visiting the district website at www.mufsd.com.

Sincerely,
The Mattituck-Cutchogue Board of Education

BUDGET VOTE & BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION

JUNE 9, 2020 BY ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY

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EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR SCHOOLS

- Continued effort for small class sizes.
- Exceptional special education programs.
- Elementary and secondary foreign language programs.
- Universal Pre-K program moved to Cutchogue East.
- BOCES occupational education programs.
- K-12 STEAM education and Chromebook initiative grades 2-12.
- Advanced Placement courses: AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English Literature, AP Environmental Science, AP European History, AP Language and Composition, AP Physics, AP Psychology, AP U.S. History, AP World I and World II.
- Award-winning K-12 music, art and theater programs.
- Special programs: After-School Remediation, Champions Before-and After-School Care, computer science classes, college planning.
- Social-emotional learning and health programs, guidance counselors, K-12 health teachers and wellness rooms.
- Interscholastic athletics with more than 600 students participating in all seasons.
- Elementary and secondary clubs.
- Stellar NJROTC program.
- Supportive music and athletic booster clubs, PTSA, PTA and SEPTA organizations.
- Community outreach and partnerships, parent workshops and North Fork Coalition.

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

	2019-2020 Approved Budget	2020-2021 Proposed Budget	Increase/(Decrease)
Expenditures			
Central Administration	\$956,752	\$1,045,349	\$88,597
Insurance and BOCES Admin	\$387,587	\$416,305	\$28,718
Central Services	\$3,727,978	\$3,544,386	\$(183,592)
Supervision	\$843,068	\$869,033	\$25,965
Instruction (Regular School)	\$12,139,341	\$12,644,285	\$504,944
Instruction (Students with Special Needs)	\$4,188,297	\$4,055,656	\$(132,641)
Occupational Education	\$363,522	\$360,022	\$(3,500)
Technology and Instructional Media	\$1,073,334	\$999,472	\$(73,862)
Pupil Personnel Services	\$1,470,020	\$1,495,637	\$25,617
Athletics and Co-Curricular	\$920,418	\$983,945	\$63,527
Transportation	\$1,477,350	\$1,489,069	\$11,719
Employee Benefits	\$11,171,000	\$11,574,800	\$403,800
Debt Service/Interfund Transfer	\$2,065,381	\$1,940,141	\$(125,240)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$40,784,048	\$41,418,100	\$634,052
Revenues/Use of Reserves/Fund Balance			
State Aid Revenue	\$2,950,000	\$3,000,000	\$50,000
Other Revenue	\$250,000	\$246,000	\$(4,000)
Employee Retirement System Reserve	\$275,000	\$290,000	\$15,000
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	-	\$52,177	\$52,177
Workers Compensation/Unemployment Reserves	\$84,000	\$85,000	\$1,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$375,000	\$250,000	\$(125,000)
TOTAL REVENUES/USE OF RESERVES/FUND BALANCE	\$3,934,000	\$3,923,177	\$(10,823)
TAX LEVY	\$36,850,048	\$37,494,923	\$644,875

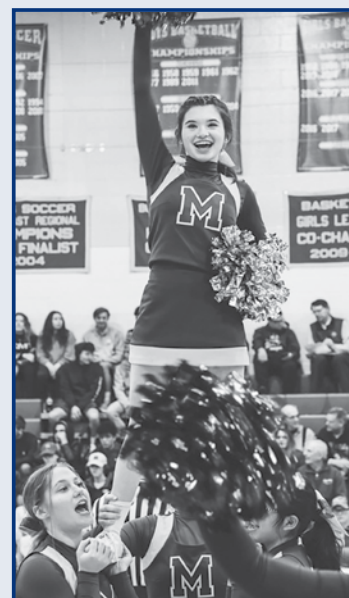
THREE-PART COMPONENT BUDGET

	2019-2020 Approved Budget	% of Budget	2020-2021 Proposed Budget	% of Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Administration	\$3,416,217	8.38%	\$3,603,915	8.70%	\$187,698	5.49%
Program	\$30,680,792	75.22%	\$31,403,674	75.82%	\$722,882	2.36%
Capital	\$6,687,039	16.40%	\$6,410,511	15.48%	\$(276,528)	(4.14%)
TOTAL	\$40,784,048	100.00%	\$41,418,100	100.00%	\$634,052	1.55%

BUILDING UPON SUCCESS: 2020-2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

ENRICHED EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Continue to strengthen ELA instruction K-8.
- Next Generation-aligned math resources K-8.
- Strategic reading and math programs for challenged learners.
- Expansion of STEAM and computer science K-12.
- New courses including Accounting, Studio II, French II, Human Biology and Math Lab 8.
- Additional electives in the arts.
- Instituting a 3D learning platform (zSpace) K-12.
- A newly aligned health curriculum for students K-6.
- Revisions to the 7-12 advisory program.
- Expansion of Special Education opportunities.
- Renovation at the high school to create a multipurpose room.
- Greater connections to our community outreach programs.



PROPOSITION HIGHLIGHTS

Proposition No. 1: 2020-2021 Budget

Proposition No. 2: Authorization to Expend Capital Reserve Funds.

This proposition requests permission of the community to expend \$650,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund (essentially a savings account) to pay for a new boiler at Cutchogue West, a new roof at Cutchogue East and a multipurpose room renovation at Mattituck Cutchogue Jr./Sr. High School.

*No
Additional
Cost to
Taxpayers*

Proposition No. 3: Authorization to Create a Repair Reserve Fund.

This proposition requests permission of the community to establish a Repair Reserve Fund, essentially a savings account, which is funded over time and typically used to pay for repairs and renovations. The Repair Reserve Fund can be funded up to \$750,000 from annual budgetary appropriation and/or monies remaining in the general fund.

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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2018 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Q. What is a Capital Reserve Fund and is it common?

A. It is similar to a personal savings account which is funded over time and typically used to pay for both planned and unforeseen major expenditures. Many school districts have established capital reserve funds since the tax levy cap began in 2012.

Q. When did the district establish a Capital Reserve Fund?

A. In May, 2018, the community approved the

creation of a Capital Reserve Fund to be funded up to \$6 million over a term of 10 years.

Q. How much is currently in the Capital Reserve Fund?

A. Currently, there is \$2,574,291 in the Capital Reserve Fund.

Q. How is there no impact to the budget and tax levy?

A. All expenditures are paid from the Capital Reserve Fund. This fund has no effect on the total

budgeted expenditures and tax levy calculation.

Q. Will future voter approval be required to fund projects from the Repair Reserve Fund?

A. No. Unlike the Capital Reserve Fund that requires voter approval for every project, the Board of Education can authorize the use of funds from the Repair Reserve Fund. The Board of Education is required to hold a public hearing to review the work and costs associated with each project.

Postal Patron

ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

Residents will be asked to vote for the election of two Board of Education trustees. Both terms will expire June 30, 2023. The two candidates with the highest pluralities of the votes cast will be elected to the Board of Education.

BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION

Residents will be asked to vote on the proposed budget, two propositions and the election of two Board of Education trustees. The propositions, if approved, would support the capital reserve fund and the creation of a repair reserve fund. All residents who are registered for school district or general elections are eligible to vote.

REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING

To vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote.

REGISTRATION

Residents can register remotely via the NYS DMV website at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Voting will take place by absentee ballot only. All registered voters will receive an absentee ballot in the mail. If you do not receive one, please call or email the district clerk at 631-298-4242, ext. 3101 or cgilliard@mufsd.com.

EXEMPTION REPORTS

Residents can access the school district's Exemption Reports on the district's website at www.mufsd.com.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A full review of the proposed budget and propositions and a formal budget hearing will be held remotely on Wednesday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m. Please send your questions to the Board of Education via email at boe@mufsd.com prior to the meeting, or mail questions to Mattituck-Cutchogue School District 385 Depot Lane, Cutchogue, New York 11935 attn: District Clerk.



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