



# The Messenger

A Publication of Madison Central School District

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Valedictorian:

**Haylee Anthony**, daughter of Vikki Anthony of Morrisville and the late Bradley Anthony

Co-Salutatorians:

**Savannah Cook**, daughter of Stephen and Jeannie Cook of Madison

**Karia Dvorak**, daughter of Kristi Jaquays and Michael Dvorak, both of Oriskany Falls



Anthony



Cook



Dvorak

The Remaining Top Ten:

**Riley Hysell**, daughter of Jessica Coe of Madison

**Jadyn Smith**, daughter of Carol Smith of Morrisville

**Maryellen Coleman**, daughter of Amy & Henry Coleman of Madison

**Joshua Drake**, son of Michelle & Daniel Drake of Oriskany Falls

**Alexis Haviland**, daughter of Christine & Keith Haviland of Madison

**Sarah McLain**, daughter of Tracy McLain of Madison & Matthew Chapin of Munnsville

**Gwendolyn Cole**, daughter of Amy MacLaury of Madison



### CLASS OF 2021

Haylee E. Anthony  
Shane R. Bingel  
Richard W. Braun  
Troy E. Brayman  
Kyleigh Carroll  
Emily M. Coffin  
Gwendolyn Cole  
Maryellen Coleman  
Savannah Cook  
Emily Crane  
Brenah Curtis  
Cody Day  
Kirstyn Day

Joshua E. Drake  
Karia Dvorak  
Chloe Eastman  
Samantha E. Fellows  
Aaron Hatch  
Alexis Haviland  
Lacie Head  
Riley Hysell  
Yakson M. Jimenez-Ramirez  
Keith Lewis  
Dayton C. Livermore  
Janelle Looman  
Jillian Looman

Isabella Losee  
Sarah McLain  
Jonathan Moe  
Jacob Neidhart  
Deaghan Nelson  
Lydia Pisiak  
Paul D. Pittman  
Eamonn P. Shields  
Margaret Shields  
Jadyn Smith  
Kimberly Soule  
Ryan Soule  
Christa Usborne

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# A Message From The Superintendent

**Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community Members:**

Earlier this year, the MCS Board of Education updated its goals for the District. In doing so, the Board used the sayings engraved on the exterior of our building as its guideposts. The new goals are:



## **SUCCESS IS NOT A MATTER OF CHANCE BUT OF CHOICE**

We will:

1. Establish and maintain a safe and positive social, emotional and physical environment for all members of the MCS community.
2. Build relationships with our community, faculty, students, parents, and staff to encourage engagement in student success.

## **LET TODAY DECIDE TOMORROW**

We will:

1. Ensure that our community's tax dollars are allocated in a fiscally responsible manner with a focus on providing the best possible opportunities for our students.
2. Encourage and support professional development opportunities for all faculty and staff.

## **THE END CROWNS THE WORK**

Grounded in curricula that are consistent and rigorous, our students will be held to high academic standards and provided with equitable opportunities for academic success.

We will strive for:

1. A 5% improvement in mastery in all Regents Exams and a 5% improvement in students scoring at least a 3 on the NY State 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments.
2. Consistent and/or improving graduation rates over a 3 year period.

Our budget development process is guided by these goals. This year, the Board was especially mindful of how the COVID-19 pandemic has brought economic challenges and uncertainties for our community members. With that in mind, they have decided upon a 0% tax increase for the 2021-22 school year. Other highlights of this year's budget include:

### **Total adopted budget of \$11,181,980, a 1.88% spending increase over 2020-21**

- Increase of State Aid, compared to 2020-2021, of \$5,221
- Maintains all existing student academic and extracurricular programming

### **Purchase of 1 new bus for a total cost of \$135,511.85**

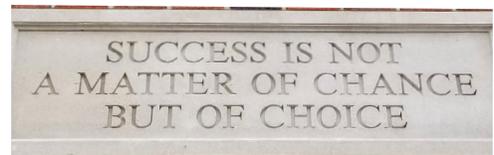
- We are reducing the number of buses in our fleet. After trade-in of 2 older buses and 90% state aid, the net taxpayer cost for the new bus will be approximately \$10,751.

Our Budget Hearing will take place in-person in the MCS Auditorium on May 4, 2021 at 7:00pm. It will be live streamed on YouTube. We will also hold a meeting to discuss the budget at the Knoxboro Community Church on May 6, 2021 at 6:00pm. We encourage you to attend one of the meetings. The budget and Board of Education elections vote will occur at MCS on May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12-8pm.

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for your continued support for MCS as we strive to move our district forward and to

Sincerely,

Jason A. Mitchell  
Superintendent



## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate	\$ 10,975,715	\$11,181,980	\$11,173,124
Propositions Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$206,266	\$197,410
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.88 %	1.80%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,405,627	\$3,405,627	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	N/A	N/A	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	N/A	N/A	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	N/A	N/A	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$3,405,627	\$3,405,627	\$3,405,627
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$52,642	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,352,985	\$3,420,392	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$3,352,985	\$3,405,627	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$14,765	
Administrative Component	\$1,003,944	\$1,040,056	\$1,036,000
Program Component	\$8,051,474	\$8,169,351	\$8,169,351
Capital Component	\$1,920,297	\$1,972,573	\$1,967,773

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
1 New Bus	\$135,511.85

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgts@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$546

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Madison Central School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Madison Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 8: pm, prevailing time in the Madison Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

## ESTIMATED REVENUE

	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Real Property Tax	\$ 3,405,627	\$ 3,405,627	\$ -	0.00%
Combined State Aid	\$ 6,617,544	\$ 6,622,765	\$ 5,221	0.08%
DRRSA/ESSER Funds	\$ -	\$ 187,810	\$ 187,810	
Other	\$ 702,544	\$ 565,778	\$ (136,766)	-19.47%
Fund Balance	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	0.00%
Debt Service Transfer	\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 150,000	150.00%
Accrual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 10,975,715</b>	<b>\$ 11,181,980</b>	<b>\$ 206,266</b>	<b>1.88%</b>

## PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE		
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$9,071	\$11,685	\$2,614	28.82%	ADMINISTRATION	
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$302,935	\$305,968	\$3,033	1.00%		
FINANCE	\$81,746	\$72,331	(\$9,415)	-11.52%		
STAFF	\$44,310	\$44,744	\$434	1.08%		
SPECIAL ITEMS	\$178,682	\$193,409	\$14,727	8.24%		
ADM. & IMPROVEMENT	\$198,233	\$216,417	\$18,184	9.17%		
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$188,967	\$195,502	\$6,535	3.46%		
INSTRUCTION	\$2,437,868	\$2,419,856	(\$18,012)	-0.74%		
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$1,918,155	\$1,882,634	(\$35,521)	-1.85%		
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	\$120,742	\$125,457	\$4,715	3.91%		PROGRAM
PUPIL SERVICES	\$406,023	\$402,103	(\$3,920)	-0.97%		
TRANSPORTATION	\$411,743	\$424,355	\$12,612	3.06%		
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,756,943	\$2,914,946	\$158,003	5.73%		
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%		
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$547,526	\$585,539	\$38,013	6.94%	CAPITAL	
REFUND OF TAXES	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%		
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,114,923	\$1,114,923	\$0	0.00%		
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$255,348	\$269,611	\$14,263	5.59%		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$10,975,715</b>	<b>\$11,181,980</b>	<b>\$206,266</b>	<b>1.88%</b>		

# 2021-22 Budget Information

## Budget Vote & School Board Election: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:00pm-8pm Main Foyer

Absentee Ballots will be available for the May 18, 2021 vote. You may obtain an Absentee Ballot application by contacting Tracey Lewis, Madison Central School, 7303 State Route 20, Madison, NY 13402, phone number (315) 893-1878 ext. 201. Applications will be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applications must be received by May 11 if the ballot is to be mailed, or the day before the election (May 17) if the ballot is hand delivered personally. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 4 p.m. prevailing time on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

## Propositions as They Appear on the Ballot

### **Proposition 1: School Budget**

Shall the Board of Education of Madison Central School District be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$11,181,980 as set forth in this proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to levy the necessary taxes therefore?

### **Proposition 2: Bus Proposition**

Shall the Board of Education of Madison Central School District purchase one new 77 passenger school bus at a cost not to exceed \$135,511.85?

### **Proposition 3: Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Board of Education increase the existing Building Capital Reserve Fund by \$200,000, plus earnings?

1. To increase the existing Building Capital Reserve Fund by \$200,000, plus earnings, obtaining the funds from the following sources:

- a. Amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and
- b. Unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and
- c. New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time all as permitted by law.

## BOE Elections

The Madison Board of Education will have two seats to fill during this election. The terms of Jessica Clark and Jennah Turner expire on June 30, 2021. The following individuals have submitted petitions for their names to appear on the ballot:

**Jessica Clark**

**Jennah Turner**

The successful candidates will serve a four year term beginning July 1, 2021.

## We're Hiring

Madison Central School District is looking for bus drivers. Full time positions are available along with part-time and substitute positions. Interested? Contact the District Office at (315)893-1878.



# Uniquely Madison



**STUDENTS RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING** After Spring Break, Madison students returned to in-person learning five days a week. MCSD continues to adhere to the safety guidelines from New York State. Though not required, we continue the use of desk barriers as an additional safety measure.



**VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT** Jarret Lerner is an author and illustrator who virtually visited our students on March 31st. When the pandemic started last year, he shared free activities for families and continues to do so on his website. He spoke about the process of making a book and how it takes many tries but it is definitely worth it in the end.



**AG LITERACY WEEK** This year Madison students helped deliver New York State's Ag in the Classroom Ag Literacy activity of "Make Your Own Ice Cream" to the Madison Elementary students. Special thanks to Mrs. Tricia Coon for recording a reading of a book at her family dairy farm. Another big thank you is extended to Ms. Laura Winchester for setting aside three days to come in and read aloud to our elementary students. She also prepared songs and dances for the students to participate in.



**FFA COMPETITION** Anna McNamara, Grace Fleming, Lillian Reichart, Madelyn Hill, Davin Peck, and Lucas Neff moved on from the first round of FFA District speaking contests to the FFA Substates contest. Anna placed 4th in Sr Prepared Speaking, Madelyn placed 8th in the Creed contest, and Lucas placed 6th in Jr People in Agriculture. Nice job to all of the FFA Members who competed.

# Made in Madison

Name: James Ford      Graduation Year: 1965



First of all I would like to congratulate Courtney Wagner on being chosen to be the first alumna featured in this section of the newsletter. She is certainly a credit to Madison Central. As for me, I am honored and humbled to be the second alumna selected. I grew up on a dairy farm on Stratford Street, one-half mile north of Solsville. It was a great experience learning about the land and the care of animals.

I had the fortunate experience of attending Madison Central, grades K-12, graduating in the Class of 1965. Madison was a wonderful place to receive an education because of the size of the school, small class sizes, and the chance to participate in a variety of sports, clubs, and school events. I had the chance to play basketball and baseball and become an officer in the Student Council and Future Teachers Association.

We all have memories of teachers who have had a great influence on us during our school years. I had two teachers who fit that category. First, my 4th grade teacher, Miss Ethel Wells, introduced us to the rich local history of our area and second, Mr. Arden Seeley, my junior high history teacher had a way of presenting the subject that made you want to learn more. The third week in 7th grade I decided to become a history teacher and never gave up the idea.

Following graduation from Madison, I attended and graduated from S.U.N.Y. Oneonta with a Bachelor's degree in history education and later received a Master's degree from Colgate. Marriage followed graduation from Oneonta and this summer we will celebrate 52 years. We have two sons, Geoff and Mike, and three beautiful grandchildren, Charlie, Analise, and Julia.

By the time of my retirement I had taught 34 years. The first year was at Stockbridge Valley and then I had the chance to return to Madison Central for the remaining 33 years. They were years filled with a great amount of joy with teaching, coaching, and being a class advisor. However, any measure of success that I might have achieved has to be shared with many others. A school system depends on all of the personnel to make the success of the students possible. Every job is important and students learn from all of us.

I was fortunate to work with very fine people during my years at Madison. From our administrative staff, to the elementary and high school teachers, to the maintenance staff, bus drivers, teacher aids, and secretaries, we have had professional and caring individuals in all facets of the school.

However, a school can only be successful if it has talented students. Madison has always had such students. They are a credit to their parents/guardians. Our students have gone on to a wide variety of work experiences. As I see them in their adult lives, I can't help but be proud of their accomplishments.

Following retirement in 2002, I had the opportunity to follow my passion for local history and have published ten books on a variety of subjects including the history of the Mott's company, a history of the Bouckville Summits baseball team, and the life of area entrepreneur Grove Hinman.

Currently days are filled with perennial flower gardens (you can't take the farm out of the boy), building rock walls, golf, travel, making maple syrup, visiting our grandchildren, woodworking, cutting firewood, and of course continued local history research.

My message to the students of M.C.S. is to follow your dreams, be a lifelong learner, and give back to the school and community. Respect the fact that so much has been given to you. Go Devils!!



Pictured Right: Two of Ford's books on display on the Madison cafeteria bookshelves

# Pre-K Registration



Applications for Madison Central School's 2021-22 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program are now being accepted. Applications should be returned to Joanna Kaul, Registrar. Screening for incoming Pre-K students will be held at a later date. You will receive information regarding this in the mail.

Children who will be 4 years of age before December 1, 2021 are eligible for this free program. This program is staffed by a certified teacher and paraprofessional. Pre-readiness academic skills, self-help, speech, language, fine motor, gross motor (large and small muscle), social, and other developmental skills are emphasized daily during this full day program. Parent/child activities also take place throughout the year. Questions can be directed to Mr. Brian Latella, Elementary Principal at ext. 265.

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 4: Budget Hearing  
May 6: Budget Meeting at Knoxboro  
May 11: 3-5 Math State Assessment  
May 12: 6-8 Math State Assessment  
May 14: End of Progress Period 4  
May 18: BOE Meeting 7:30 pm  
May 18: Budget Vote Day 12 - 8 pm

May 31: Memorial Day No School  
June 1: BOE Workshop Meeting 7 pm  
June 8: Grade 4 & 8 Science State Assessment  
June 15: BOE Meeting 7 pm  
June 16: Last Day of MS & HS  
June 17: English 11 Regents Exam  
June 22: Living Environment Regents Exam

June 23: Algebra I Regents Exam  
June 23: Senior Awards Night 6:30 pm  
June 24: Earth Science Regents Exam  
June 25: End of Marking Period 4  
June 25: Graduation 7 pm

## ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Jason Mitchell  
Superintendent

Ms. Melanie Brouillette  
Treasurer

Mr. Larry Nichols  
Middle/High School Principal

Mr. Brian J. Latella  
Elementary Principal & CSE Chair

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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