

2014-2015 Proposed School Budget

The following is a summary of the key components of the 2014-2015 Proposed School Budget, which we hope Manhasset residents will find helpful prior to the School Budget Vote on May 20, 2014.

1. Bottom Line

- The preliminary working budget proposal totals \$87,933,150.
- The preliminary working budget increase is at Manhasset's tax levy cap of 1.84%.

2. Highlights

- The preliminary working budget includes, among other restorations:
 - Most Elementary classes within class size guidelines
 - More moderate class sizes in most secondary school core instructional programs
 - Additional sections offered in certain HS electives across core subject areas
 - 4th grade band and orchestra programs, as well as elementary Jazz Ensemble and Chamber Chorus
 - The High School inclusion model for special education students
 - Partial restoration of Middle School clubs
 - Additional 1.0 FTE Social Worker
 - Assistant Varsity and JV coaches
 - Fulltime Athletic Director

3. How Did They Do It?

- Manhasset was able to restore these items and keep within the tax levy cap through cost saving measures including:
 - Collective bargaining agreements negotiated with the teachers and support staff
 - Retirement incentives for teachers and staff
 - Low percentage increase in healthcare premiums for 2014
 - Adoption of New York State Pension Stabilization program
 - Lower Special Education costs
 - Efficiencies in Transportation costs

4. Next Steps

- Public Hearing where residents can comment or ask questions about the proposed budget.
Thursday, May 8. 8:00pm. Secondary School Board Room
- The annual election and Budget Vote is held statewide the third Tuesday in May to fill seats on the Board of Education and vote on the proposed budget.
Tuesday, May 20. 6:30am-10:00pm. Secondary School Gymnasium



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