

Notes on Proposed 2022-2023 School Budget - School Comm. Posted 01/24/22

The proposed budget reflects need based on enrollment of 5 preK-8th grade & 1 secondary student.

The State of Maine **Education Subsidy** is estimated to be \$5187 for 2022-2023. Often, \$20,000-\$30,000 from the Plantation's **Education Undesignated Fund** lowers the tax assessment required to fund the proposed school budget. The Ed. Undesignated Fund balance is not yet available due to an auditor's delay in provision of the 2020-21 audit - at present we estimate it to be at least \$64,311. Of this \$46,600 is committed to the 2021-22 budget. The proposal is to use \$30,000 to offset the 2022-2023 budget. Once the audit is available an update will be provided, including reporting of how much of the Education Undesignated Fund would remain for unexpected/emergencies.

The School has been fortunate to receive federal **REAP funding** for 18 years, recently in the amount of 18,600-\$22,100 annually. The most recent funding award was \$22,103. Historically, these funds have *supplemented* the regular school budget in the elementary instruction section each year. A REAP award is never guaranteed. According to federal requirements, the funds must be spent in 18 months. With this in mind, the school committee maps out goals, reviews allowable uses, and creates spending plans for REAP funds. To help taxpayers understand the school's use of REAP funds, working plans for use of REAP funds are made available by request.

Supplies purchased with federal **2020-2021 Corona Relief Funds** for schools and **2020 Keep Maine Healthy Grant Funds** for municipalities are assisting with pandemic-related needs in 2021-22.. It is not yet known if any federal pandemic-related funds may be available in 2022-2023.

A **Local Tax Assessment** annually funds the majority of the regular school budget after taking into account the available education state subsidy, the Education Account balance, and grant funding.

Schoolhouse Rentals are estimated to net \$1500-\$2200 annually, the proceeds of which are deposited into the education account each autumn. However, pandemic-related precautions prevented most rentals in 2020 & 2021. The school anticipates a similar situation in 2022.

Fundraising was severely limited in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic and may be in 2022.

Friends of Monhegan School is a fundraising arm of the school that fundraises and accepts donations to be used for field trips after regular budget & grant funds are spent, as well as for modest expenses of the school not directly tied to student and staff needs (e.g. framing, piano tuning, landscape plantings honoring students and teachers). **Monhegan School Youth Arts Initiative** is a fundraising arm of the school, begun in 2015, that fundraises and accepts donations to be used exclusively to expose Monhegan students to the arts by funding visits and programming at Monhegan School by artists and performers from whom students would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn due to geographic isolation. These funds *enhance* the existing arts program funded by the annual school budget.

The **Outer Islands Teaching & Learning Collaborative** (TLC) is an academic and social collaboration among up to 7 island schools managed by a coordinator based at the Island Institute. The TLC makes possible opportunities for overcoming challenges of isolation through regular academic interaction among teachers and students at the schools via technology, shared field trips and shared professional development. The collaboration is considered an integral part of education at Monhegan School. Each island school contributes annually to the TLC's budget. Through June, 2022, the Island Institute has funded the bulk of the budget. 2022-23 funding strategy is worked out in June, 2022.

Contact Jes Stevens, Felicia Dunson or Joan Brady if you have questions.

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Applies to many Line Items:	Consumer goods and supplies adjustments shifting from 2-3% to 5-6% given unusual market conditions. These gradual increases used to avoid large jumps in future years.
Applies to all Travel Line Items:	IRS mileage reimbursement rate increased to \$0.585/mile. Boatline donation reduced from \$1000 to \$500. Covers ferry & parking for student/guidance/tech consultants (but not other consultants & superintendent travel).
2120-3490 Guidance Salary - Consultant	Grant for additional visits beyond 4.
2120-5800 Guidance Travel	Increase. Mileage and charter rate increases. Boatline donation. Grant for additional visits beyond 4.
1100-1000/1010 Salaries, Teacher	Increase. Provides for various options depending on need.
1100-1000/1020 Salaries, Ed Tech	Increase. Up to full time position at Ed Tech III level provides for various options depending on need, including remote school support.
1100-1000/1230 Salaries, Substitutes	Increase. Rate change in line with policy GCBA.
1100-1000/2110 Health Insurance - Teacher	Decrease. Based on current rate for lowest cost plan plus 10%.
1100-1000/2120 Health Insurance - Ed Tech	New line. 9 month stipend contributes to insurance acquired by employee.
1100-1000/2510 Teacher Prof. Devel.	Increase. Covers 6 credits in policy.
1100-1000/3200 Contracted Education	No change. TLC contract contribution of \$4000 continues to be covered by grant funds.
1100-1000/6500 Assessment Administr.	State covers testing expenses.
1100-2700/8500 Field Trips	No change. Covers travel for Inter-Island Event, travel & some other expenses of fall & spring field trips not covered by TLC Program, 1-2 middle school student trips. Supplemented by grants & fundraising. Monhegan Boatline providing estimated \$500 travel credit on account for 2022 that mostly applies to Field Trips.

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2500-2330/5800 Special Education - Travel	Increase. Higher mileage rate, ferry tickets & parking.																														
0000-2230/3400 Technology- Consultant Contract	Increase. 5.9% rate increase to stay competitive. Anticipate less volunteer hours.																														
0000-2230/5800 Technology- Travel	Increase. Not relying on Boatline Credit..																														
0000-2230/6500 Technology- Computer Hardware/Software	Increase. MLTI laptop program change shifts 53% of cost of new laptops to local schools. Covers 6 laptops, other hardware replacement as needed and essential software.																														
0000-2230/8100 Technology- Dues & Fees	Decrease. No longer leasing MLTI laptops.																														
2600/4310 Operation of Plant- Building & Grounds	Decrease. Estimates of planned expenses:																														
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**unspent funds to go to Capital Improvement Fund for future septic system, anticipate total of \$7000 in this fund by 6/30/23.

2610-1080 **Custodial Services** Increase. Rate increase of 16.6% (includes 5.9% COLA) and hours increase to be prepared for *daily work during pandemic and deferred special cleaning projects.*

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1200-1000/ Secondary Instruction	Increase. Anticipate 1 student, with 2-3 students in next 5 years. State's average tuition rate for secondary ed. increased.
1200-1000/ Secondary Instruction - Reserve - Tuition & Room/Board	Reserve fund to save an amount for tuition and an equal amount for room & board in advance of anticipated substantial increase in secondary enrollment. To avoid steep increases/decreases to taxes year to year. Anticipate total of \$16,000 in this fund by 6/30/23.
2310/1500 School Committee-Stipends - Board	Increase. 5.9% COLA plus 15.1% to to make stipend more equitable relative to other Plantation leadership positions and to address recruitment challenges. Secretary \$2805.86, Treasurer \$2805.86, Chair \$3498.23. Includes an additional stipend for supt. search if needed.
2310/5200 School Committee-Liability Insurance	Decrease. Assume 10% increase on actual 2021/22 cost.
2310/5800 School Committee-Travel	Increase. Mostly, effect of moving Supt. Search expenses to this line. Also re-instituted travel costs removed during early pandemic.
2310/8100 School Committee - Dues	Increase. Add nationwide ad subscription.
2310/8140 School Committee-Professional Development	Increase. Return of in-person conference costs.
2320/1040 Office of Supt. - Salary	Increase. Raise of day rate 5% to keep up with COLA and remain competitive following analysis of midcoast region and statewide salary data. Increase from 42 to 54 days/year to more closely align with actual hours required of position.
2320/3400 Office of Supt - Bookkeeping/ Business Mgr	Increase. No Bookkeeper. Contracted Business Manager to meet DOE reporting requirements & address financial practices transitions.
2320/2040 Office of Supt - Health Insurance	Newly added benefit of 42.6% of minimum level single insurance for supt. if no other employer can provide benefit and to remain competitive.

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TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET:	\$ 281,592.50
ESTIMATED STATE SUBSIDY:	- 5,187.60
CARRY OVER FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND:	- <u>30,000.00.</u>
LOCAL TAX ASSESSMENT:	\$ 246,404.90 (round to \$246,405.)