

## Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2012-13	Budget Proposed for 2013-14	Contingency Budget for 2013-14
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$44,082,355	\$45,377,864	\$44,471,793
Increase/Decrease for the 2013-14 School Year		\$1,295,509	\$389,438
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.94%	0.88%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.1%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$22,938,507	\$23,844,578	\$22,938,507
<b>Total Permissible Exclusions</b>	<b>\$28,013</b>	<b>\$447,828</b>	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$22,910,494	\$23,396,750	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$22,910,494	\$23,455,770	
Difference: A-B (Positive Value Requires 60% Voter Approval) <i>See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions</i>	\$0	\$(59,020)	
Administrative Component	\$5,099,640	\$5,082,335	\$4,962,160
Program Component	\$32,028,554	\$32,946,816	\$32,225,970
Capital Component	\$6,954,161	\$7,348,713	\$7,283,663

\*Mohonasen's contingent budget figures are based on the elimination of an additional \$906,071 in proposed spending (from the base budget) to meet state law for the 2013-14 school year. This includes a reduction of 13 full-time equivalent positions, use of school facilities and grounds by the public, certain equipment, student supplies, field trips, late buses, some athletic programs and summer school programs. All other items in the budget fall within the legal obligations based on Education Law Section 2601-A(5)<sup>C</sup> and formal opinion of counsel 213, 7 Educ. Dept. Rep. 153 (1967).

Separate propositions not included in the total budgeted amount. (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements.)	Description	Amount
	Bus Purchase	\$460,000

### Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) based on 2012-13 assessed values.

	Under the budget proposed for the 2013-14 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$478

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2013-14 by the qualified voters of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Schenectady and Albany Counties, New York, will be held at the Senior High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Senior High School gymnasium, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

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#### Events on May 21

- Wellness Fair & Display
- PTSO Book Fair & Ice Cream Sundaes: 5-9 p.m./HS Gym Lobby
- Preview of Mahon Music - 6:30 p.m./HS Gym

Find out more at  
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# Mohonasen

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## Board of Education CANDIDATES

Two of the seven seats on Mohonasen's Board of Education are up for election on May 21. Candidates run at large and are elected to unpaid, three-year terms beginning July 1. The candidates are listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot. Current board member Mark Sabatini's term ends June 30 and he is not seeking reelection.

### \$45.4 million school budget goes before voters on May 21

On Tuesday, May 21, Mohonasen voters will decide on a \$45,377,864 spending plan for next year.

The budget proposal would increase spending by \$1.3 million over the current year's budget – an increase of 2.94 percent.

The budget carries a tax levy increase of 3.95 percent, which is below the district's maximum allowable tax levy set by New York's property tax levy limit or "cap" law.

The budget preserves all existing programs and services in the district.

A detailed budget newsletter was mailed to all Mohonasen residents earlier this month. Information about the budget, the state's property tax levy limit law, and much more is also available online at [www.mohonasen.org](http://www.mohonasen.org). A complete copy of the proposed budget can be viewed at the district office at 2072 Curry Road, Schenectady. Anyone with questions about the budget can call the business office at 356-8210.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Mohonasen High School gym.

### ALSO on the BALLOT

On May 21, Mohonasen residents will be asked to vote on a proposition to purchase four full-size 66-passenger buses. Because the district retires debt annually, the new purchase would result in a minimal increase on that debt.

### Dominic Cafarelli

Dominic Cafarelli, of 2020 Lisa Lane, is running for his third term on the Board of Education.

He is a master barber and owner/operator of Dom's Barber Shop. After graduating from Mohonasen High School, Cafarelli went on to the Royal Barber School, Schenectady County Community College and SUNY Plattsburgh. He also attended the University of Massachusetts for business management.

Cafarelli is the current president of the Mohonasen Board of Education, which he has served on for the past six years. He is also the president of the Rotterdam Grizzlies basketball teams for Mohonasen boys and girls, a former Carman Little League coach, and a member of the Edgewood Independent League. Cafarelli is also a member of the Rotterdam Elks and Sons of Italy. He and his wife, Lucia, have three children.

"It has been my pleasure to serve on the Mohonasen Board of Education these past six years, and these four years as the board president. I truly enjoy being involved in the decision-making process and being part of the Mohonasen family," Cafarelli said. "Since I've been on the board we've seen increasing test



scores, the addition of new, exciting academic programs, and – along with the help of Dr. Spring, the administration and the rest of the board – several responsible budgets.

"As board members, our main task is to do what's best for kids, which is what I hope to continue to do as a member of the board," he added.

### Bob Piccirillo

Bob Piccirillo, of 306 Steeple Way, is running for his first term on the Board of Education.

He is a manager of information technology for the New York State Retirement Division of the Office of the State Comptroller. He is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army and US Army Reserve, and a veteran of the Iraq War. After graduating from Mohonasen, Piccirillo went on to graduate from Siena College with a bachelor's degree in accounting and various military schools including the US Army Command and General Staff College.

Piccirillo is also a water safety instructor for the Mohonasen Learn to Swim Program, has been a swimming instructor for the Mohonasen Marlins swim club, is a parishioner and former



parish council secretary at St. Gabriel's Church, and is a lifetime member of the VFW Post 1895 in Rotterdam. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children.

"My children are second-generation Mohonasen students. I am continually amazed and grateful for the tremendous opportunities available to Mohonasen students, including the variety of academic offerings that meet student interests and talents, the famed music and arts programs, and the athletic programs. This is all possible due to the hard work and dedication of teachers, administrators, support personnel and parent volunteers, Piccirillo said.

"These opportunities are in jeopardy, however, due to significant cuts in state education aid, legislative restrictions, and mandates such as APPR and pension contributions. My hope, through board membership, is to help find ways to survive these challenges while continuing the Mohonasen tradition of excellence," he added.

### THE SCHOOL BUDGET BALLOT LANGUAGE

*Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Towns of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, and Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of \$45,377,864 for school purposes during the 2013-2014 school year and levy the necessary tax therefore.*