

## Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2013-14	Budget Proposed for 2014-15	Contingency Budget for 2014-15
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$45,377,864	\$46,408,029	\$45,589,359
Increase/Decrease for the 2014-15 School Year		\$1,030,165	\$211,495
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.27%	0.47%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.46%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$23,844,578	\$24,663,248	\$23,844,578
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$447,828	\$356,833	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$23,396,750	\$24,306,415	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$23,455,770	\$24,306,415	
Difference: A-B (Positive Value Requires 60% Voter Approval) <i>See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions</i>	(\$59,020)	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$5,082,335	\$5,055,540	\$4,965,486
Program Component	\$32,946,816	\$33,891,279	\$33,293,650
Capital Component	\$7,348,713	\$7,461,210	\$7,330,223

\*Mohonasen's contingent budget figures are based on the elimination of an additional \$818,670 in proposed spending (from the proposed base budget) to meet state law for the 2014-15 school year. This includes a reduction of 11 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	\$336,000

### 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 2013-14 assessed values.

	Under the budget proposed for the 2014-15 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$488.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2014-15 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 20, 2014, 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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- PTO Book Fair & Ice Cream Sundae: 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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**BUDGET  
VOTE  
May 20**



# Mohonasen

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education CANDIDATES

Two of the seven seats on Mohonasen's Board of Education are up for election on May 20. 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 Moran's term ends June 30, and he is not seeking re-election.

### \$46.4 million school budget goes before voters on May 20

On Tuesday, May 20, Mohonasen voters will decide on a \$46,408,029 spending plan for next year. The budget proposal would increase spending by \$1.03 million over the current year's budget – an increase of 2.27 percent.

The budget carries a tax levy increase of 3.43 percent, which is the district's maximum allowable tax levy set by New York's property tax levy limit or "cap" law.

While 8.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) faculty and staff positions were cut from the budget, all programs and services are maintained. The budget also reduces the use of the district's reserves to ensure that this funding is available into the future.

A detailed budget newsletter was mailed to all Mohonasen residents earlier this month. Information 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 can call 356-8210. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 20 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Mohonasen High School gym.

### ALSO on the BALLOT

On May 20, Mohonasen residents will be asked to vote on a proposition to purchase three full-size 66-passenger buses. Because the district retires debt annually, the new purchase would result in a minimal increase on that debt.

### Nancy del Prado

Nancy del Prado, of 55 Merritt Drive, is running for her ninth term on the board. During her 24-year tenure she has served as both vice president and president. She has also served as the vice president of the Capital District School Boards Association and as a legislative liaison. Del Prado has worked for the state Department of Health for 30 years and currently works in the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General. A graduate of Mohonasen, del Prado studied human services and dental hygiene at HVCC and is a registered dental hygienist. She has been involved with numerous district programs, including Music Parents, Colorguard and Mohon Masque, and has also been a Girl Scout leader. She and her family serve as the primary caregivers to her 91-year-old mother. Del Prado's father, William B. Haessig, was the first Mohonasen superintendent. She and her husband, Thomas, have four children who are Mohonasen graduates.



*"In trying to define why I want to run again, I realized that giving back to this community has become part of me. I started out wanting to be a good example for my children. I realized that I have been able to touch the lives of so many and hopefully through some small action or decision, I have made a difference. The best way to sum up my reason for running is to quote Dr. Seuss; 'Unless someone like you cares a*

*whole, awful lot. Things aren't going to get better, they're NOT!' I care a whole, awful lot! With the fiscally challenging times we are in, I feel that the consistency I bring to the board is critical. The background I offer has been an asset in formulating the district's vision and many projects currently underway, which will benefit our community for years to come. I would very much like to see them through to fruition."*

### Lisa Gaglioti

Lisa Gaglioti, of 4008 Ryan Place, is running for her first term on the board. She has lived in the district for 15 years, and she and her husband, Joseph, have a daughter at Draper Middle School. Gaglioti is a district sales manager for Victoria's Secret, where she is responsible for 12 stores. She has also been a Catechist at the St. Madeleine Sophie Faith Formation since 2006, and previously served as the vice president of the Parish Council at Christ the King Church. A graduate of Guilderland High School, Gaglioti has a bachelor's degree in economics and retail management from Russell Sage College.



*"I have observed and listened to parents, students, teachers and taxpayers over the years and feel it is my turn to make a difference. I will combine my experiences and leadership to ensure that all students are ready for productive futures whether they go on to college or the world of work. I value education because it is the key to*

*a successful life for every child and key to all of our futures. We need to confront the challenges our school faces head on or our children will lose. I will make sure this doesn't happen."*

### Simon Lange

Simon Lange, of 1037 Lucy Road, is running for his first term on the board. He is a current senior at Mohonasen High School and has been a resident of the district for more than 10 years. Lange is a member of the student council, student yearbook and the varsity soccer team.



*"Education has always been of major importance to me because you see the better we can make our school, the smarter our children will become. If I am elected onto the board of education, I will fight as hard as I possibly can for what our students need and want in order to improve their education. Remember, knowledge is power."*

*Biographical information and statements are submitted by the candidates and are edited for space. See more at [www.mohonasen.org/budget](http://www.mohonasen.org/budget).*

### 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 \$46,408,029 for school purposes during the 2014-2015 school year and levy the necessary tax therefore.*