



Top Ten Graduates Announced

Valedictorian: Emma Bergeron

Emma Bergeron, daughter of Allen and Tina Bergeron of Bouckville, is this year's Valedictorian. Emma has an overall weighted average of 101.99 and plans to attend Siena University, where she will major in Creative Arts. As an active member of her school community, she has participated in several activities, including National Honor Society (grades 10–12), National Junior Honor Society (grades 7–10), Senior Band (grades 11–12), Senior Chorus (grades 9–12), MADKA Yearbook (grade 12), Art Club (grades 7–12), and Drama Club (grades 9–11).

Emma has also demonstrated strong leadership throughout her high school career. She served as Secretary of the National Honor Society in grade 11 and President in grade 12. In addition, she was President of the Art Club from grades 10–12, Secretary of Senior Chorus in grades 9–10 and 12, Vice President in grade 11, and Secretary of the Drama Club from grades 9–11.



Salutatorian: Matthew Post

Matthew Post, son of Christopher and Victoria Post of Hubbardsville, has been named this year's Salutatorian with an overall weighted average of 93.54. He is currently undecided about his plans after graduation.

Throughout his school years, Matthew has been actively involved in a variety of activities, including High School Band (grades 9–12), Chorus (grades 7–8), Golf (grades 9–10), and Soccer (grades 8–9). In addition, he worked as a summer custodian at Madison Central in 2025.



The Madison Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 25 at the Madison Gymnasium starting at 6 p.m.

COMPLETING THE LIST OF TOP TEN STUDENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026:

- Alexis Werner**, daughter of Evan and Gwenn Werner of Hamilton
- Reagan Kitchen**, daughter of Patrick and Sara Kitchen of Oriskany Falls
- Kyra King**, daughter of Richard and Nichole King of Bouckville
- Alexandra Parmon**, daughter of Blaine and Christine Parmon of Oriskany Falls
- Gibeli Jimenez Ramirez**, daughter of Eduardo B. Jimenez and Rosalinda Ramirez of Guatemala
- Devery Livermore**, daughter of David Livermore of Madison and Cheryl Livermore of Munnsville
- Grace Fleming**, daughter of Craig and KayDee Fleming of Vernon Center
- Taylor Phillips**, daughter of Jeremy and Shandon Phillips of Madison

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Madison Central School Community,

As we move further into the spring season, we continue one of the most important annual processes for our district: finalizing and presenting our proposed 2026-27 school budget and preparing for the Board of Education election.

As with last year's budget process, Governor Hochul and the State Legislature have not yet passed a finalized state budget. This means we have had to make financial decisions based on estimates rather than confirmed aid figures. Nonetheless, the development of our 2026–2027 budget has remained focused on a clear objective: being responsible stewards of taxpayer resources while continuing to provide meaningful academic and extracurricular opportunities for our students. Every decision has been made with both our students' needs and our community's expectations in mind.

The proposed budget totals \$13,935,822, representing a 2.83% increase over the current year. I am pleased to share that the proposed tax levy increase of 2.75% remains below the district's allowable tax levy cap, reinforcing our commitment to fiscal discipline and long-term stability.

This spending plan is designed to:

- Sustain strong academic programming across all grade levels
- Continue support for extracurricular activities and athletics
- Maintain essential student services and supports
- Reflect thoughtful planning to ensure financial sustainability

In addition to the budget, residents will vote to fill (3) three seats on the Board of Education.

The candidate is:

- Stephen Gorman

Of the three available seats:

- Two seats are for four-year terms, commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.
- One seat is to complete an unexpired term, commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

The candidates who receive the highest number of votes will be elected to the four-year terms.

We encourage all members of our community to stay informed and engaged. A public budget hearing will be held on May 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Madison Central School Auditorium. We will review the details of the proposed budget and answer any questions you may have.

The annual budget vote and Board election will take place on May 19, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at MCS. Your voice is an essential part of this process and we encourage you to participate. Also that evening is our Spring, K-2 Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Madison Central School remains committed to balancing fiscal responsibility with educational opportunity. We will continue working to ensure our students have access to the programs, supports and experiences they need to succeed—both now and in the future.

On behalf of the Board of Education, our students, faculty and staff, thank you for your continued support for MCS as we strive to move our district forward. Go Blue Devils!

In partnership,

Jason A. Mitchell

Superintendent



Voter Information

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Madison Central School

Voter Requirements

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be a resident of the school district at least 30 days prior to the meeting which he/she offers to vote.
- Must not be prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law (having been convicted of a felony or adjudged mentally incompetent).
- Must present proof of residence with a picture, such as a driver's license or non-driver identification (upon request).



Absentee Ballot Procedure

- Qualified voters who wish to vote using an absentee ballot can request an application from the District Clerk at Madison Central School.
- Mailed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4 p.m. on May 12th, 2026 in order to receive an absentee ballot by mail.
- Application requests after May 12th must be made in person at the District Office, located in Madison Central School at 7303 State Route 20, Madison, NY, to pick up an absentee ballot.
- Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on May 19th, 2026. Completed ballots received after this time cannot be accepted.

2026-27 School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 13,552,942	\$13,935,822	\$13,715,670
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$382,880	\$162,728
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.83 %	1.20%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 3,984,216	\$4,093,598	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ -0-	\$-0-	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$-0-	\$-0-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$-0-	\$-0-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 3,984,216	\$4,093,598	\$4,005,254
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$-0-	\$-0-	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$4,003,188	\$4,103,598	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$3,984,216	\$4,093,598	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 18,972	\$10,000	
Administrative Component	\$1,349,830	\$1,343,015	\$1,342,865
Program Component	\$9,686,041	\$10,019,574	\$10,009,774
Capital Component	\$2,517,071	\$2,573,233	\$2,363,031

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. If the District turns to a contingency budget there will be no equipment purchase including a bus for the 2026-2027 school year.

Description	Amount
None	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

** 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)

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
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Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$438
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 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 19, 2026 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 8:00 pm prevailing time in the Madison Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.

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

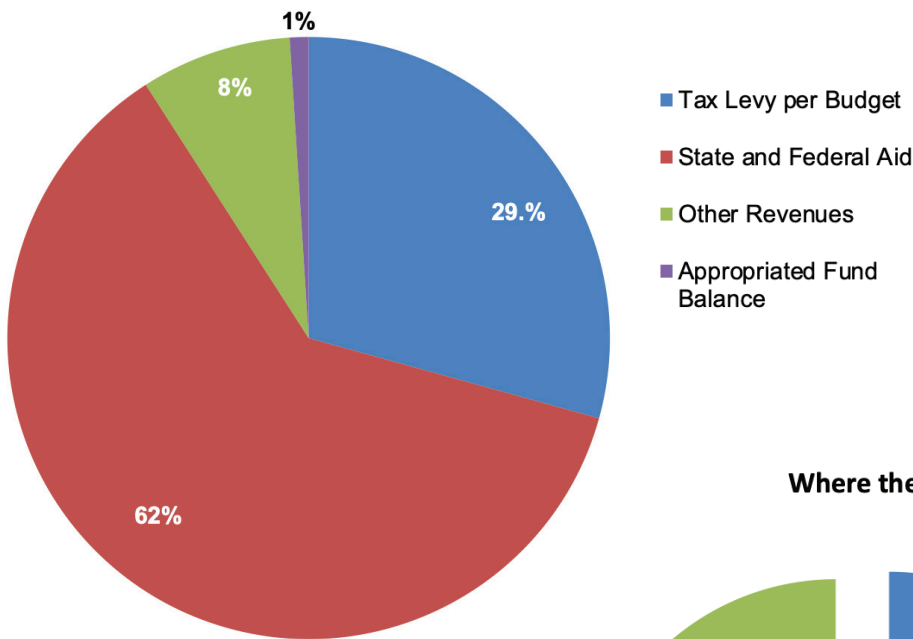
Three Part Budget Summary

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

Administrative (10%)	2025-2026 BUDGET	2026-2027 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Board of Education	\$19,695	\$20,647	\$952	4.83%
Central Services	\$381,862	\$331,882	(\$49,980)	-13.09%
Finance	\$91,185	\$95,210	\$4,025	4.41%
Staff	\$72,182	\$73,612	\$1,430	2.08%
Special Items	\$216,372	\$229,669	\$13,297	6.15%
Adm. & Improvement	\$341,326	\$353,082	\$11,756	3.44%
Employee Benefits	\$227,208	\$238,913	\$11,705	5.15%
Administrative Total	\$1,349,830	\$1,343,015	(\$6,815)	-0.50%
Program (71.9%)	2025-2026 BUDGET	2026-2027 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Instruction	\$2,709,747	\$2,728,352	\$18,605	0.69%
Special Programs	\$2,305,604	\$2,398,908	\$93,304	4.05%
Instructional Media	\$131,850	\$138,057	\$6,207	4.71%
Pupil Services	\$559,391	\$566,704	\$7,313	1.31%
Transportation	\$686,392	\$740,744	\$54,352	7.92%
Community Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$3,293,057	\$3,446,809	\$153,752	4.67%
Program Total	\$9,686,041	\$10,019,574	\$333,533	3.44%
Capital (18.1%)	2025-2026 BUDGET	2026-2027 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Central Services	\$688,193	\$722,369	\$34,176	4.97%
Refund of Taxes	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Debt Service	\$1,498,644	\$1,499,974	\$1,330	0.09%
Employee Benefits	\$327,734	\$348,390	\$20,656	6.30%
Capital Total	\$2,517,071	\$2,573,233	\$56,162	2.22%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$13,552,942	\$13,935,822	\$382,880	2.83%

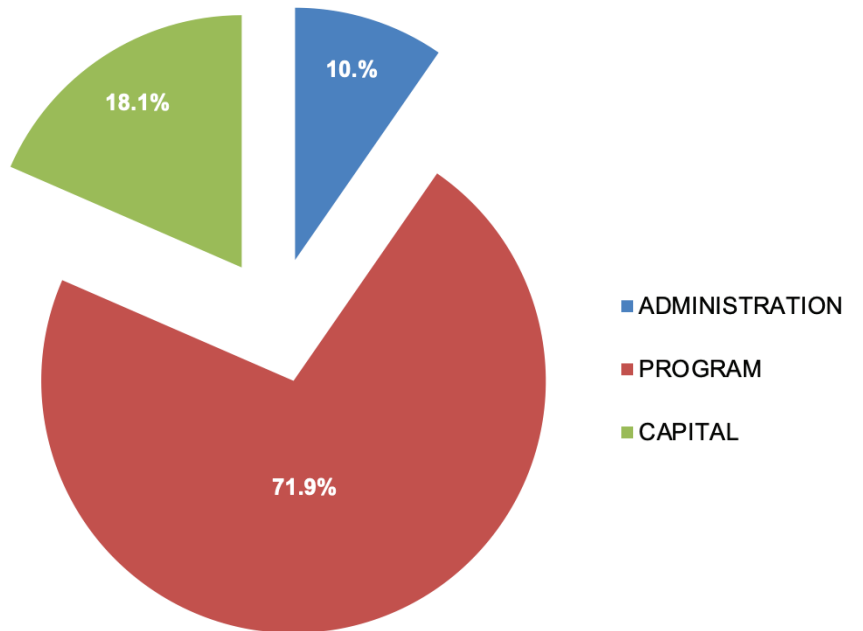
ESTIMATED REVENUE

Revenue Type	2025-2026 BUDGET	2026-2027 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
Real Property Tax	\$3,984,216	\$4,093,598	\$109,382	2.7%
Combined State Aid	\$8,412,840	\$8,554,530	\$141,690	1.7%
DRRSA/ESSER Funds	\$ -	\$0	\$0	
Other	\$655,886	\$787,694	\$131,808	20.1%
Fund Balance	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$ -	0
Debt Service Transfer	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$ -	0
Total Revenues	\$13,552,942	\$13,935,822	\$382,880	2.83%



Madison Central receives more than half of their revenue from the State, followed by tax payers.

Where the School Dollar is Spent



A major portion of expenditures is to educate the students and the second is maintaining the building

TC3 Partnership Lets Madison Students Explore Space While Earning College Credit

At Madison Central School District, juniors and seniors are taking part in a unique, college-level science opportunity that blends high school learning with early college credit.

During the first half of the year, students study Environmental Geology. In the spring semester, the course transitions into Intro to Astronomy, offered in partnership with Tompkins Cortland Community College. The class awards three college credits and is open to upperclassmen.

Taught by veteran science teacher Megan Barnes, who brings 24 years of experience to the classroom, the course gives students a chance to explore topics not typically covered in standard Earth Science—such as black holes, supernovae, space travel and even theoretical ideas like multiverses. It’s designed both for students passionate about space and for those simply looking to get a head start on college.



As part of the program, students recently collaborated on a hands-on lab investigating impact craters. By measuring how the mass and velocity of an impactor affect crater size, depth and ejecta patterns, they applied real scientific methods to better understand planetary processes.

Students participating in the lab include Novalee Foster, Myiajoanne Liberatore and Gibeli Jimenez, with Matthew Post, Bianca DeFazio and Emmajean Moe also involved.

Overall, the program not only enriches students’ scientific curiosity but also gives them a valuable academic advantage—entering college with credits already earned.



Save the Date

Spring Concerts 2026 Madison Auditorium @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 7
Grades 3-5

Thursday, May 14
Grades 6-12

Tuesday, May 19
Grades K-2

Coronation 5 p.m.
Junior Prom 7 p.m.
Friday, May 16

National Junior Honor Society Inductions

Wednesday, June 3
2:00 p.m. - School Auditorium

Elementary Field Days

Thursday, June 18

PreK Celebration

Tuesday, June 23
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 24
Kindergarten Celebration
9:00 a.m.

Senior Awards Night
6:00 p.m.
Auditorium

Thursday, June 25

Grade 5 Celebration
10:00 a.m.

Class of 2026 Commencement
6:00 p.m.
Gymnasium

Food Pantry Collection Drive Meets its Goal

The Madison Central School Positivity Project's Summer Cereal Stock Up has successfully reached its goal, collecting 102 boxes of cereal for the local food pantry.

As summer approaches, many children lose access to school-provided meals, placing added strain on families and increasing the need for community support. Thanks to the generosity and effort of students, staff and community members, this initiative will help ensure that children in our area continue to have access to a simple but important start to their day—a healthy breakfast.

This achievement reflects the spirit of compassion and teamwork that the Positivity Project promotes. By coming together, our school community is making a meaningful difference and helping to ensure that no child starts their day hungry.



Madison Connected Community Schools provides support and resources to students and families, helping connect them with academic, social and community services. Their hubs remain available throughout the summer, offering continued access to meals, activities and assistance. For more information contact Michele Bowen, Madison Central School Site Coordinator at (315) 271-8848.

Students Participate in All-County Festival

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Madison County Music Educators Association All-County Festival, held March 13–14 at Morrisville-Eaton High School. Sixth-grade band students were chosen to participate based on their music teacher's recommendation, while students in grades 7–12 auditioned and were selected for their ensembles based on their auditions.

6th grade Chorus:

Reese Masker
Chevy Millington
Isabella Billings
Lilyjane Maine

7th and 8th grade Band:

Griffin Virgil
Molly Tehan
Andilynn Staring
Rosie Suydam
Lauren Dvorak
Nataleigh Godfrey

9th -12th grade Band:

Lillian Riechert
Novalee Foster
Lewis Joslyn
Elijah Zbock
Wesley D'Imperio



Madison Students Inducted into MOBOCES NTHS

Congratulations to our Madison students who were inducted into the Madison-Oneida BOCES National Technical Honor Society on March 25:

Deverey Livermore, Cosmetology
Alexis Werner, Cosmetology
Lexie Lollman, Cosmetology
Taylor Phillips, Equine & Animal Science
Jasmine Confer, Health Related Careers
Justin LaMunion, Heavy Equipment Operation
Madelyn Broedel, Heavy Equipment Operation
Kyra King, IT Systems
Bruce Cudak, Livestock Mgt. & Agriculture
Grace Fleming, Livestock Mgt. & Agriculture
Alanna Szewczyk, Livestock Mgt. & Agriculture
Connor Samson Davall, Outdoor Power Equipment



Madison Honor Roll Students Third Marking Period

Congratulations to our Madison students who achieved High Honor Roll (94.0+ Average)

12th: Emma Bergeron, Gibeli Jimenez Ramirez, Kyra King, Lexie Lollman, Jayson Millis, Taylor Phillips, Samantha Soule
11th: Lillian Reichert, Lillian Kazlauskas, Madelyn Hill, Shelden Strong
10th: Elijah Zbock, Natalie Hill, Sophia Wajda, Bella Anna DeFazio
9th: Nicholas Lollman, Ryan Gallagher, Liam Nolan
8th: Kenleigh Winterton, Miranda Liebel, Andilynn Staring, Avery Gallagher, Molly Tehan
7th: Lauren Dvorak, Gracie Zbock, Jackson Yerkie, Mason Diehl, Phoebe Squadrito, Anna Zbock, Rosileen Suydam, Joel Yerkie
6th: Brianna Nower, Colby Dvorak

11th: Myiajoanne Liberatore, Ronan Mancuso, Lucas Neff, Bianca DeFazio, Carly Winn, Anthony Cucci, Blake Butler, Lewis Joslyn, Alexis Peck, Emmajean Moe
10th: Alyssa Braun, Alexis Geiger, Cooper Williams, Alexis Rundle, Khloi Paradis
9th: Ryley Schenk, Alexis Stanfield, Jacob Powers, Cooper Kitchen, Lana Pisiak, Lily Bush, Jenna Burns, Josephine Cusack, Aliyah Chalker, Nicole Gage
8th: Jacob Turk, Alayna Brock, Jeremiah Hafelin, Benjamin Roberts
7th: Miley Oleksik, Aria Buchanan, Millicent Paul, Gracie Stone, Jovie Nichols, Asher Anken, Sadie Cusack, Griffin Virgil, Abbey Schenk, Landon Loneran, Mary Idzi
6th: Marguerite Schuster

Congratulations to our Madison students who achieved Honor Roll (88.0+ Average)

12th: Matthew Post, Reagan Kitchen, Deverey Livermore, Grace Fleming, Jasmine Confer, Justin LaMunion, Madelyn Broedel, Alexis Werner, Bruce Cudak, Myah Leuenberger, Anthony Mancuso, Alanna Szewczyk

Scholar Athletes



Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as individual scholar athletes by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA). To earn the NYSPHSAA honor, a student-athlete must maintain an overall average of 90 or higher during the winter 2025-26 season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Combined team with Stockbridge Valley:

Alyssa Braun
Rebekah Cullen
Lana Pisiak
Alexis Stanfield
Andilynn Staring
Lilly Stevens
Olivia Waldron



BOYS BASKETBALL:

Lewis Joslyn
Justin LaMunion
Lucas Neff
Ryley Schenk

WRESTLING:

Arlo Brouillette
Nicholas Lollman



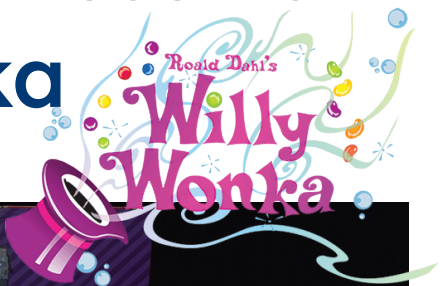
This winter, Madison student Arlo Brouillette represented VVS and Section III at 110 pounds and earned a spot on the podium — finishing 6th in New York State!

Three & Me and Pre-K Registration Dates



- **Three & Me** will meet two more times this year: May 21 at 5:30 p.m. and June 18 at 5:30 p.m., both in Miss Matteson's classroom. Three & Me is a monthly session for 3-year-olds and their parent or guardian, designed to build comfort with the school setting and ease the transition to Pre-K. Your child must be three years old on or before December 1, 2026.
- **Pre-K Registration** - Families interested in learning more about our program or completing a registration packet can contact District Registrar Stephanie Lollman at (315) 893-1878, ext. 1360, or visit the Pre-K page website: <https://www.madisoncentralny.org/departments/pre-k-at-madison>

Madison Drama Presents Willy Wonka



The cast and crew of Willy Wonka's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory delivered two spectacular performances on March 27 and 28, bringing the hit movie musical to life on the stage at Madison Central. Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy maker and his search for an heir came to delicious, chocolate-covered life. Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer on this year's all-school musical!



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BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 19
12 noon to 8 pm
Madison Central School



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Call 315-893-1878 and, when prompted, dial the extension of the party you are trying to reach.

District Office: Extension 1020

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Guidance & Athletics Office: Extension 2100

CSE Office: Extension 1360

Health Office: Extension 1910

Bus Garage: Extension 1053

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Connected!**

