MACS music education earns national recognition for 9th straight year

The Mexico Academy and Central School District has once again been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

It is the ninth year in a row MACS has been honored with this national distinction, and is one of just 686 districts in the nation that earned this honor.

“We are so incredibly proud of our music program,” said MACS Superintendent Dr. Donna Runner. “When you think of Mexico schools, one of the first things that comes to mind is its rich and deeply rooted musical traditions. I applaud our music educators throughout the district and thank the community for all their support of the arts.”

Now in its 22nd year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the best communities designation, Mexico provided information regarding funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by the Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

The Mexico Academy & Central School District offers music instruction in classroom music K-12, instrumental music 4-12 as well as choral music in grades 3-12. All students in grades K-8 take music every year and more than 600 students district wide participate in the band and choral programs.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,400 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs. For more information about the NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.

Mexico students’ artwork honored, featured at 25th county competition

Four students from Mexico High School had artwork named winners or honorable mention at the 25th annual Oswego County Student Art Show and Competition.

Tenth-grade student Nyah Pinzer was the winner for grades 10-12 with a drawing titled “Close-Up” and also received honorable mention for “Guys Cry Too,” another drawing.

Freshman Alyssa Bresnahan earned third place in the grades 7-9 category for her photo titled “Good Morning.”

Ninth-grade student Avery Mack earned honorable mention for her drawing “My Second Home,” and 11th-grader Alana Rice’s ceramic “Koi Fish Pond” also received honorable mention.

A number of other Mexico Academy and Central School District students were also featured in the gallery, which was on display in-person and online for most of April and into early May.

The hours and a full online gallery can be viewed at SalmonRiverFineArtsCenter.com.
A Message from the Superintendent

Dear MACS Family and Community,

Serving as your Superintendent of Schools is an honor and privilege that I highly value and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the district. This newsletter submits for your consideration the proposed budget for the Mexico Academy and Central School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

We are committed to developing a budget that aligns resources to support our mission to educate and motivate our students to be successful, responsible citizens. Through multiple avenues such as the budget survey, conversations with community and staff members, and analysis of academic, attendance and discipline data, we can ascertain both the needs and expectations of the community in which we serve. With those needs and expectations identified, we can allocate the resources to address the vision of being recognized as a school district that inspires excellence and leadership in all.

During the past few years, we have increased our graduation rate to 92% which is above the New York state average. Last year we had 247 students pass at least one college course, with a total of 553 college courses passed and 1,517 college credits earned. We had 944 regents courses passed. We have joined the Oswego County Literacy Initiative and implemented research-based, research-proven reading instruction in our lower grades. We have offered learning supports to struggling readers through our Academic Intervention Services. We have invested in 1:1 computer technology for our scholars.

Some highlights from the past year in the district include the renovation of Mexico Elementary School to include a health center where mental health and dental services will be available to elementary and high school students in the fall. Middle school art students participated in the Getty Museum Challenge, exhibited at the Legislative Exhibit, and eight students submitted to the virtual student show through NYSATA Region 3. We had more than 20 students submit to the Oswego County Student Art Show 7-12, at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center. Over 60 students participated in the solo music festival and we have once again been named a Best Community for Music Education. We had a senior, Libby Sheldon, selected for clarinet at the NYSSMA All-State Conference. More than 100 students performed virtually and received ratings on their performances at NYSSMA for Solo & Ensemble. Senior Logan Laflamm’s composition was selected for performance in a program at the Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University and Symphoria. Mexico Elementary students received the Champions of Change Award from NYSBAA for reading over 21,000 books in their reading challenge. New Haven had a team make it to the Super Regional Battle of the Books. Mexico High School has been recognized by niche.com as a top high school in the state. We have the No. 1 ranked girls’ swim team in the state for small schools. We have an urban farmers’ group and the Mexico Morning Coffee Club. We will be recognized by niche.com as a top high school in the state. We have the No. 1 ranked girls’ swim team in the state for small schools. We have an urban farmers’ group and the Mexico Morning Coffee Club. We will

To maintain and expand that curriculum, we must have a budget that reflects those priorities of our community, which include a wide offering of classes, extra curricular opportunities, supports for struggling students, technology and maintenance of the facilities. Many of the decisions we make regarding the budget are impacted by external factors outside of our control, such as the increase in costs of health insurance and the amount of state and federal aid, among others.

Our current tax rate is below that of 2008 and we continue to work diligently to be fiscally responsible to our community while providing the best possible education for students. Increased state aid and reserves will be used to offset budget increases and grant funds will be used to offer additional supports and to address gaps in student learning caused by COVID-19. With your support of the proposed budget for 2021-2022, which includes a 1.9% tax levy increase, we can maintain our robust programming and bring back several of the positions that were lost in previous years.

We welcome you to the annual budget hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium. The annual budget vote which includes a bus proposition, and Board of Education elections will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from noon to 9 p.m. at each of the elementary schools.

Thank you for your consideration,

Donna Runner, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

A Message from the Board President

Before I begin my usual recap of the highlights of the 2021-2022 school year, on behalf of the board, I would like to thank the students, their families, the staff, and administration for their cooperation, understanding, patience, and extraordinary efforts as we navigated through a year of hybrid/remote learning.

The challenges from COVID certainly made the learning process difficult, but with vaccinations occurring and better treatment methods available, the 2021-2022 school year should see a return to normalcy.

With that hope of returning to normalcy, at a special meeting on April 15, 2021, the MACS District Board of Education approved a $59,627,200 budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

The budget represents a 3.48% increase from the 2020-2021 school budget and a 1.9% increase in the tax levy. (As a reminder, the tax levy is the amount of the budget raised from our local tax bills that fill the gap between anticipated revenues and expenditures.)

As in the past, the 2021-2022 school budget remains within the allowable tax cap limit. Consequently, only a simple majority vote is required to pass this budget, and district residents remain eligible to receive STAR rebates/credits from New York state.

I do want to emphasize that this 2021-2022 school budget is primarily a “roll-over” budget, that is, known cost increases such as contractual salary increases, health insurance increases, and CIT expenditure increases represent the major reasons for the increase in this budget.

The budget will also include filling positions due to retirement as well as adding a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher and a Director of Technology, Data, and Assessment.

In addition to considering the 2021-2022 budget, the Board is also asking for consideration for one proposition.

The proposition involves the routine replacement of District vehicles. The District believes that this continuous replacement assists in maintaining a fleet of vehicles that is efficient and safe.

Of course, with every budget, there may be questions or concerns, so I extend an invitation for you to join us for the annual budget presentation and meet the candidates night on May 11, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Mexico Middle School Auditorium. Due to COVID restrictions, signing in, wearing masks, and social distancing will be required.

To conclude, I urge all of you to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from noon until 9 p.m. at your designated polling site at Mexico, New Haven or Palermo Elementary Schools.

Thank you for your consideration,

James F. Emery
President
Mexico Academy and Central School Board of Education
Mexico High School’s Tiger Terrace in mid-April filled 36 orders of take-home lasagna meals including salad and bread that all of their students helped prepare. Pictured are Becky Humphrey and Heather Fravor preparing the lasagna. Tiger Terrace teachers are hopeful they can do another take-home meal before the end of the year.

COMING SOON!

Check out our Class of 2021 banners throughout the village of Mexico during the month of June!

2021 - 2022 SCHOOL BUDGET SPECIAL SECTION

BUDGET VOTE and SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 18 • Noon - 9 p.m.
Mexico, New Haven and Palermo Elementary Schools

Voters will be asked to decide upon three (3) propositions, including the adoption of the proposed budget for the school year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and to elect two (2) Board of Education members.

PROPOSITION – THE BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Mexico Academy and Central School District, Mexico, New York, be authorized to expend the sums of money, which will be required for school district purposes for the 2021-2022 School Year, in the total amount of $59,627,200 (The Budget), and to levy the necessary sum against the taxable real property in the School District.

PROPOSITION II

Shall the Board of Education purchase and finance five (5) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed $600,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed $600,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of $600,000, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed $600,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

PROPOSITION III

To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms (7/1/21- 6/30/24).

School Board Candidates:
TWO (2) THREE-YEAR VACANCIES (VOTE FOR TWO)

| AMY SHAW |
| AUTUMN PIGEON |
| CHAD BIGELOW |
# PROPOSED BUDGET

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## BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, May 11 at 6 p.m.

VISIT www.mexicocsd.org for meeting details

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# The Three-Component Budget

The state legislation which requires the state's school districts to have a public budget vote, includes the requirement that the budget be divided up into three components: program, capital, and administration. (see chart below)

**Administration Budget**: This section includes central administration and school offices, along with clerical support, salaries and benefits and related expenses of all school administrators, board of education expenses for planning, legal expenses and other administrative activities.

**Educational Program Budget**: This portion covers teacher salaries, school supplies and all related educational costs.

**Capital Budget**: Refers to all facilities costs such as leases, annual debt service, custodial salaries and benefits, service contracts, custodial supplies, maintenance and repair of facilities and utilities.
**BUDGET NOTICE**

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Administrative Component: $6,051,033
Program Component: $41,077,782
Capital Component: $10,490,385

* Should the proposed budget be defeated twice, pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, the Board of Education must adopt a contingent budget. The following items are excluded from a contingent budget: most equipment purchases, certain student supplies, non-essential maintenance, transportation of students under mileage limits set by state law, and public use of school building and grounds, except where there is no cost to the District. In light of the Property Tax Cap, under contingency the school district can levy no more taxes than the amount of taxes levied in the prior school year by the district.

** 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)

**PROPOSITION - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES**

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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgt@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

$582

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Mexico Academy & Central school district, Oswego County, New York, will be held at District Elementary school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of noon and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the District Elementary school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.
**TAX LEVY AND CAP**

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1.90% Increase

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**MACS TAX BILL EXAMPLE**

**FOR PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE**

**EXAMPLE OF AVERAGE TAX BILL AT FULL VALUE**

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*This example shows the levy impact only and does not adjust for equalization rates less than 100%.*

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**BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

**WHEN:** May 18, 2021

**HOW:** Noon to 9 p.m. at district elementary schools

**VOTERS FOR DISTRICT VOTES MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER:**

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age
- Be a resident of the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote
- Who is not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law

Voters can vote in-person or request an absentee ballot application (COVID-19 is a valid reason to request an absentee ballot).

If there is a qualified voter who is not registered with Oswego County Board of Elections or has not voted in an annual or special school election in the last four years, contact the District Clerk Harmony M. Rice by email at HRice@mexicocsd.org or call 315-963-8400 ext. 5401.

To be counted, completed absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on May 18, 2021.
Proud to be MACS

Laura Hyde, February 2021

The Board of Education honored counselor Laura Hyde as its February 2021 Proud to be MACS recipient. Laura was born in Buffalo but moved to North Java in western New York after the third grade. After her sophomore year, her family relocated to Scriba and recalled a highlight of her first day at MACS when her future husband Eric slid over to give her a seat on the bus.

She graduated from MACS in 1987 and played softball while at Onondaga Community College, and graduated from Bryant and Stratton. She worked a variety of jobs including Fay’s Drugs, a former area pharmacy, where she would work with Eric, whom she would marry in 1992.

Her children, Eric Jr. and Emma, are currently seniors at Mexico High School.

After obtaining an associate degree from Cayuga Community college, she then obtained a psychology degree and master’s in school counseling from SUNY Oswego.

After working for Fulton City School District for four years, Laura joined MACS in 2017.

“It is no secret that our guidance counselors are stretched thin,” said nominator and colleague Shannon Bigelow. “There are so many demands on them - now more than ever, with more and more students in need of mental health support on top of other typical guidance. Laura’s contributions are not measurable in single events, because she reaches students and impacts their lives many times daily.”

As for the favorite part of her job, Laura stated that it is working with students and reviewing, not only their academic needs but their social and emotional ones as well. She wants her students to feel supported.

Mark Buchanan, March 2021

Mark Buchanan, an itinerant computer education specialist who supports MACS through CiTi BOCES, was honored as the March 2021 Proud to be MACS recipient. Mark grew up and graduated from the nearby North Rose–Wolcott school district and attended SUNY Oswego, earning a bachelor’s degree in secondary education with a mathematics concentration. He also earned his master’s degree in curriculum from SUNY Oswego.

He began his education career with Phoenix Central School District in 1994, and during those years Mark would eventually teach a computer programming class as well as a math/tech class.

Mark would remain at Phoenix until 2010 when he desired a change in climate moving to Fayetteville, N.C., and teaching at an inner-city school, Pine Forrest High School.

While at Pine Forest, Mark completed a certificate in administration from Western Carolina University. He noted one of his major accomplishments was becoming more creative and mindful as a teacher due to working with inner-city students, whose obstacles and challenges were enormous. Mark developed a mentoring program for the students.

In 2015, Mark started at CiTi BOCES and currently works with the elementary schools at MACS along with the Phoenix district.

“Mark is an amazing teacher! Mark has helped me, as well as many others, as we navigate this new normal,” nominator Debbie Reuter of Palermo Elementary wrote. “Mark is extremely knowledgeable, kind and patient. For me, I am not so sure I could help my students as well as I am able to without all that Mark has taught me and continues to teach me.”

As for Mark’s favorite part of his job, he loves the people that he works with, especially witnessing the creative ideas emanating from district staff involving the use of technology.

MACS Alumni Association Annual Dinner and Meeting is June 12

The MACS Alumni Association’s annual dinner/meeting will take place on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at The Eis House Lodge located at 144 Academy St., Mexico, N.Y.

The dinner/meeting will start with a cash bar social hour at 4 p.m. A turkey buffet dinner will be served around 5:30 p.m. Cakes provided by Damiano’s Eatery will be served for dessert.

Recognition of alumni from the classes whose years end in 0/1 and 5/6 will occur; those guests will receive MACS Alumni Association coffee mugs.

Several MACS Alumni Association Scholarships will be awarded as well as awards to the Class of 2021 valedictorian and salutatorian.

Retired Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Edward McCarty will be inducted into the MACS Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

MACS Superintendent Dr. Donna Runner will provide a State of the District address and Mexico High School Principal Ryan Lanigan will provide highlights from the year at the high school.

The cost of the dinner is $18.50 per person. Also, if you are an alumnus, please add $4 for association dues to the reservation as this helps to defray the cost of postage for the spring newsletter and the cost of dinners for guests (student scholarship recipients, honorees, etc.)

Please make checks payable to MACS Alumni Association and mail to Karen Brown, 117 Middle Road, Oswego, NY 13126. To assist with food preparation, please mail your reservation by Saturday, June 4, 2021.

As a reminder, attendees to the dinner/meeting do not have to be graduates. Anyone with an interest in the MACS district is welcome.

Finally, to comply with COVID-19 restrictions, proof of a vaccination or a negative COVID test will be required at check-in at the door and masks must be worn when not eating or drinking.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE 194th MACS ALUMNI BANQUET

June 12, 2021 at 4 p.m.

The Eis House • 144 Academy Street • Mexico, N.Y.

Dinner: $18.50 per person

Please respond by June 4, 2021

Name_________________________________________ Class of ______

E-Mail Address ________________________________

Enclosed:

Alumni Dues $4.00 Banquet Reservation $18.50

Dues Banquet Reservation(s) $________

MACS Alumni Scholarship Donation: $________

Total: $________

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**MACS students** compete in Battle of the Books

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR COMPETITORS WHO PUT IN HOURS OF HARD WORK! #MACSPride**

New Haven Elementary, coached by Kelly Cullen

1st Place (Advanced to Super Regional Battle): McKenzie Bristol, Isabel Clark and Molly Taber

2nd Place: Hayzley Clemens, Owen Larrabee and Mason Russell

3rd Place: Michael Fleming, Anna Hill and Conway Turnbull

High School, coached by Nicole Nicosia


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**MACS CLASS OF 2021 TOP 10!**

1. Tyler Yankee, Valedictorian
2. Lyle Trimble, Salutatorian
3. Libby Sheldon
4. Brian Mohr II
5. Ashleigh Anderson
6. Brynn Wills
7. Anna Bigelow
8. Logan LaFlamm
9. Anna Pluff
10. Gwendolyn Boulais

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**BUDGET VOTE**

**WHEN:**
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**HOW:**
Noon to 9 p.m. at the three elementary school polling sites for MACS

Look up your poll site under resources on our home page, MexicoCSD.org.