

Gill-Montague Regional School District FY21 Budget Proposal

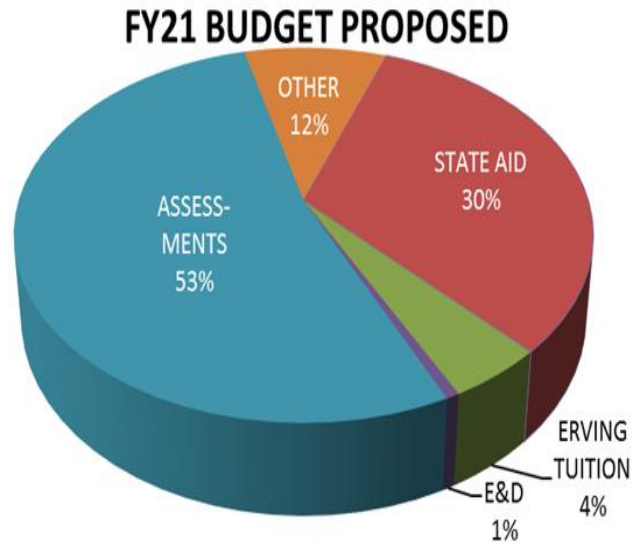
The school committee has approved an FY21 all funds budget of \$23,761,407, a 5.4% increase over FY20. Montague's assessment matches the town's affordable assessment determination of \$10,732,268. This 4.9% increase demonstrates a continued strong commitment, by the town, to the education of the community's children.

Montague	Enrollment %	Total Operating Assess.	Operating Assess. Increase	% Increase	Share of HS Debt	Debt Assess.	Total Operating & Debt Assess.	% Increase
FY18	86.83%	9,155,656	437,028	5.0%	90.30%	200,904	9,356,560	5.7%
FY19	88.23%	9,612,618	456,962	5.0%	92.60%	198,542	9,811,160	4.9%
FY20	88.36%	10,035,821	423,203	4.4%	93.50%	193,916	10,229,737	4.3%
FY21	87.36%	10,545,377	509,556	5.1%	92.70%	186,891	10,732,268	4.9%



Number to Vote

REVENUE SOURCES	FY20 BUDGET	FY21 BUDGET Proposed	CHANGE
Chapter 70 State Aid	6,441,443	7,135,439	693,996
Medicaid Reimbursement	200,000	150,000	(50,000)
Medicaid Contra Revenue		(47,000)	(47,000)
Interest Income	4,500	6,000	1,500
Excess and Deficiency	150,000	150,000	0
Erving Tuition	940,000	1,088,800	148,800
Charter Reimbursement	54,183	159,379	105,196
Chapter 71 Transport. Reimburse.	270,000	349,600	79,600
TOTAL OPERATING ASSESS.	11,669,848	12,321,795	651,947
Capital Debt Assess. (TFHS)	137,970	133,350	(4,620)
Capital Debt Assess. (Sheffield)	64,914	63,276	(1,638)
Grants/Revolving Accounts	1,427,991	1,289,517	(138,474)
Circuit Breaker Revolving	306,500	304,370	(2,130)
School Choice Revolving	875,523	656,881	(218,642)
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	22,542,872	23,761,407	1,218,535
All Funds % Increase			5.4%



FY21 EXPENDITURES	GENERAL FUND BUDGET	Choice Revolving Budget	Circuit Breaker Revolving	Grants/Revolving Budget	ALL FUNDS BUDGET	Increase (Decrease)	
ADMINISTRATION (1000)	642,851				642,851	14,197	2%
INSTRUCTIONAL (2000)	9,710,639	549,866		435,261	10,695,766	677,707	7%
STUDENT SERVICES (3000)	1,467,776			510,689	1,978,465	(98,035)	-5%
OPERATIONS (4000)	1,829,054				1,829,054	125,151	7%
BENEFITS & INSURANCE (5000)	4,841,491			22,933	4,864,424	469,052	11%
COMMUNITY PROGRAM (6000)	25,563				25,563	25,563	
TUITION (9000)	2,796,640	107,015	304,370	320,634	3,528,658	11,158	0%
CAPITAL DEBT (8000)	196,626				196,626	(6,258)	-3%
Total	21,510,639	656,881	304,370	1,289,517	23,761,407	1,218,535	5.4%

Original FY21 Budget Plans

This budget would enable the district to maintain current programs, add elementary level positions to improve instruction and support services, restore a secondary music program, start a new health and social services career oriented program at the high school, and continue expanding our 1:1 computing program.

The following new positions were added in this budget:

- Elementary reading teacher
- Special education teacher at Sheffield
- Adjustment counselor – for increased hours at Gill & Sheffield
- First grade paraprofessionals at Hillcrest & Gill
- Secondary music/theater teacher
- Secondary physical education/health teacher

Post-Pandemic FY21 Budget Planning

Changing Revenue Picture:

- State revenues for FY21 are now quite uncertain but are estimated to decline over \$6 billion in FY21. The district does not know what the impact will be on its state aid. However, we are developing contingency budget plans that assume a 2% reduction in FY20 Chapter 70 aid and additional cuts in the other aid areas. Actual reductions could be deeper or could be lighter.

- Chapter 70 Aid originally anticipated for FY21: \$7,135,439
Chapter 70 Aid revised estimate for FY21: \$6,437,354
Reduction in anticipated Chapter 70 Aid: \$698,085

- Estimated reduction in all state revenue: \$800,000
- Estimated federal relief aid to the district: \$(245,000)
- Estimated net revenue shortfall: \$555,000

Contingency Budget Response:

- Postpone most FY21 position increases: \$320,000
(or reductions in existing positions)
- Increase use of School Choice revolving funds: \$75,000
- Increase use of Transportation revolving funds: \$100,000
- Increase use of E&D funds: \$60,000
Total: \$555,000

- Contingency budget plans do not call for changes in the Montague or Gill assessments.

Starting FY21 with a 1/12 Budget

- As it appears unlikely that the town of Gill will hold its town meeting by the end of June, the district will likely begin FY21 operating under a one twelfth budget. This budget would allow GMRSD to spend funds at the monthly rate of 1/12 of an established annual budget. This annualized budget may equal or exceed GMRSD's FY20 budget, and would be authorized by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. It would remain in place until both towns approve the school committee's FY21 budget.

GMRSD Capital Projects Summary FY21 Request

- **Admin Canopy** This request for \$10,000 to repair the entrance canopy on the side of the Administration Building. The canopy which serves the side entrance of the building needs upper trim repair; some areas are rotten and are letting water penetrate the roof structure. Further deterioration is expected if repairs are not initiated soon.

**VOTE \$10,000
for Admin
Entryway
Canopy**

- **Hillcrest Roof Repair** This request for \$10,000 to repair the leaking roof at Hillcrest Elementary. The roof of the building has a few problem areas, causing water leakage into the building and office spaces. Much of the roof has a long life still ahead of it, so we would have a contractor repair the problem areas where some past vandalism created holes in the membrane, as well as fix where the membrane meets the metal roof edge and the gaps are creating leaks. Further deterioration is expected if repairs are not initiated soon.

**VOTE \$10,000
for Hillcrest
Roof Repair**

- **Building Condition Assessments** This request for \$21,953 (total cost for Hillcrest & Sheffield and 92.7% for Montague's share of High School Assessment) Although the District has a capital plan, there has never been an official facility assessment study of the buildings owned and leased by the Gill-Montague Regional School District, to create an action plan for required repairs and improvements. Due to the finite financial resources available to maintain and/or improve its buildings, the School District and the towns need to assess and prioritize. The intent of this project is to provide the Towns of Montague, Gill and the Gill-Montague Regional School District with an assessment of all buildings owned and leased by the District and to develop a 15-year action plan to address any required repairs identified or undertake any improvements that will extend the useful life of the buildings. In addition, any energy conservation improvements that will reduce building operating expenses should also be identified. The final report would include an evaluation and action plan of the site condition, building infrastructure, building envelope, mechanical, and interior elements of the buildings.

**VOTE \$21,953
for Building
Condition
Assessments**