

2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTES FOR THE CITIZENS OF BUCKLAND – MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 6:

Mohawk Trail Operating Assessment

The Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) School Committee has proposed a total FY23 operating budget of \$23.8 million. Buckland's proposed FY23 operating assessment is **\$2,686,885**, an increase of **\$13,192 or 0.49%** over FY22. The FY23 proposed budget includes funding for a variety of programs consistent with key goals of the District's Strategic Plan, including:

- A comprehensive new literacy curriculum for grades K-8
- Expanded music offerings for PK-12
- Elementary computer science
- Support for the Trailblazer Model at MTRS, which encompasses defined career pathways in such areas as healthcare, manufacturing, environment, business/entrepreneurial; and expanded opportunities for internships, independent study; interdisciplinary courses, and dual-college enrollment.

Additional information, including the MTRSD Strategic Plan, line-by-line detail for FY23 and the full MTRS course catalog can be found [here](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KI6IIIc-a16F0wJiN3rCYut_DMLJrE5B?usp=sharing):

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ARTICLE 7:

Mohawk Trail Capital Assessment

Buckland's FY22 capital assessment is **\$61,240**, a **decrease of (38.6%) or (\$38,499)** compared to the FY21 capital assessment. This amount is Buckland's share of debt payments due on bonds authorized at previous Town Meetings for improvements completed at Mohawk Trail Regional School and Buckland Shelburne Elementary School. In FY24, Buckland will begin to repay loans on MTRS and BSE projects approved last spring.

ARTICLE 31:

Amendment to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Regional Agreement

This amendment eliminates language that assigned Heath PK-6 students to Hawlemont Elementary School (via a tuition agreement between MTRSD and Hawlemont) and instead assigns Heath PK-6 students to Colrain Central School.

ARTICLE 32:

Amendment to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Regional Agreement

This amendment eliminates language relating to the closure of Heath Elementary School and defines how capital costs at Colrain Central School will be divided between the Town of Colrain and the Town of Heath.

ARTICLE 33:

Amendment to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Regional Agreement

This amendment simply updates the effective date for the revised Regional Agreement.

ARTICLE 34:

Request for Approval of New Debt to Finance Capital Projects at Colrain Central School

The School Committee recommends that this article be passed over by Buckland as it affects only the towns of Heath and Colrain.