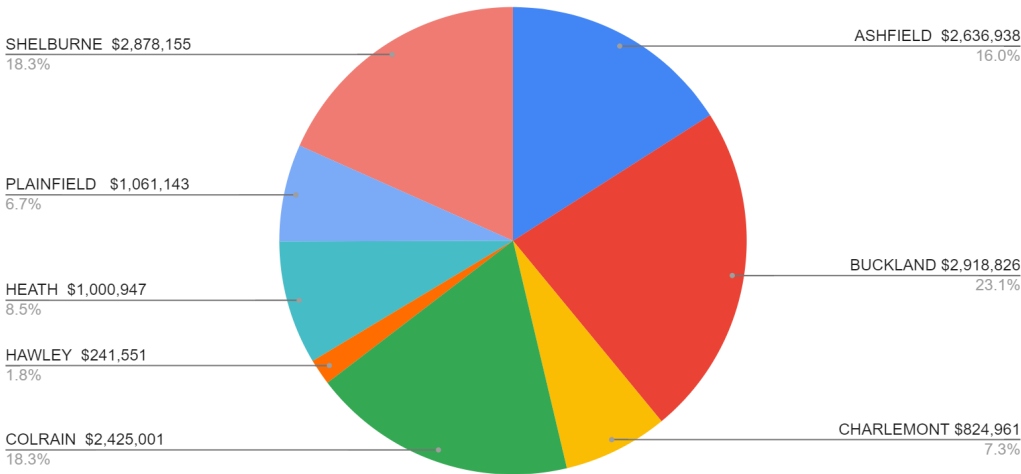


# Mohawk Trail Regional School District

## TOWN OF HEATH BUDGET PROPOSAL FY2025



Mohawk Trail Regional District Local Operating Assessments and Percentages FY25



**All Funds Budget:**  
**\$26,171,925**  
**↑5.48% over FY24**

**Applying Offsets and Revenue, the Operating Assessment Shared Across 8 District Towns:**  
**\$13,987,521**

**Heath's Assessment:**  
**\$1,000,947**  
**↓0.03% over FY24**

To view our complete FY25 budget booklet and source documents, please visit [mtrsd.org/Business-services](http://mtrsd.org/Business-services)

## Budget Considerations for FY25

### WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR THE BUDGET INCREASES?

#### State-Provided Revenues are Flat or Declining

- 5.1% increase (\$351,388) in **state-required minimum contributions** from our towns
- State education aid (Ch. 70) is **up only 00.7%** (\$47,000) for FY25; there has been no meaningful increase in more than 20 years.
- **29% reduction (-\$205,000)** in regional transportation reimbursement

#### Required Expenses Have Increased

- New, single-bidder transportation contract has **increased 12%**
- Significant increases in special education spending as more students require more in-district services and out-of-district placements



### WHAT HAS THE DISTRICT DONE TO MINIMIZE TOWN ASSESSMENTS?

#### In This Budget

- Limited increases in personnel funding to 1% through attrition, reconfiguration of existing positions, and elimination of unfilled openings
- Strategically used revolving funds and aggressively pursued state and federal grants generating more than \$4.7 million to offset expenses
- Applied \$250,000 in E&D funds (District savings account) to reduce town assessments

#### Looking Toward the Future

- Currently engaged in a comprehensive, grant-funded project to assess current educational and financial operations with the goal to recommend sustainable options to our communities by 6/2025. For more information visit [www.2Districts8Towns.org](http://www.2Districts8Towns.org)
- Continue meaningful engagement with legislators on the urgent need for more equitable funding for rural school districts.

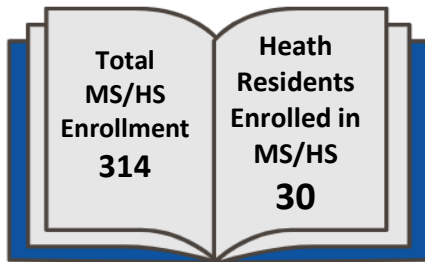


**Your support of this budget allows the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to continue to serve this community with forward-thinking education and advocacy for students in our 8 district towns and beyond. Thank you.**

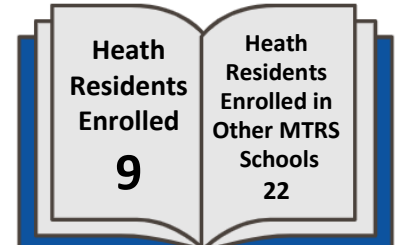
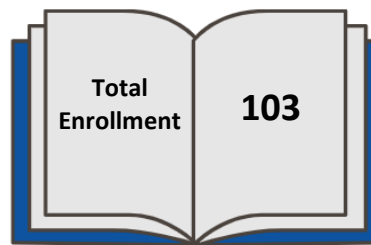
# FY2024 School Enrollment

\* each year the school district sees fluctuation from month to month based on family needs and changes.

## Mohawk Trail Regional (grades 7 through 12)



## Colrain Central Elementary (preschool through 6th grade)



“It is exciting to walk into classrooms and hear students engaged in academic conversations and explaining their thinking to one another. The shifts we have made are fostering richer conversations that often end with one student having an ‘aha!’ moment after listening to a peer’s explanation.”

- Amy Looman, Colrain Central Principal

We continue to challenge our students to think critically and to explain their thinking so that they are learning not only from their teachers, but also from each other. We are committed to Service Learning but will need to rethink and reshape our focus while implementing new programs. We continue to work hard to address the social-emotional needs of our students. For the first time in a few years, we are fully staffed and able to support students in all aspects of their learning.



“We continue to reimagine the MTRS experience by maintaining an emphasis on teaching core curriculum, offering community- and career-based learning opportunities, and developing student voices and identities.” - Chris Buckland, Mohawk Trail Regional Principal



Our approach encourages ambition and direction while fostering a positive and supportive school environment as our students strive toward their futures. We build culture through our advisory classes and student voice. Our academic offerings have broadened to include the introduction of American Sign Language, expanded culinary arts, a wider array of Advanced Placement classes, and a pilot program for aspiring EMTs. Capstone projects continue to be a cornerstone of the senior year, many with an internship component. This is what it means to be a Trailblazer.

