



# Putnam Valley Central School District

**"The Child, First and Foremost...  
Building a Foundation for the Future"**

District and  
business offices  
have relocated to  
171 Oscawana Lake  
Road behind the  
Elementary  
School

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Spring 2018

## Budget Highlight Issue Spring 2018

### 2018 – 2019 Proposed Budget Highlights

Proposed tax levy continues to be less than the allowable limit set by the state formula.

#### Programs Continue for 2018-19

- World language Mandarin Chinese at the MS
- Partnership with [Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation](#) (CELf) to connect K-12 curriculum to the Energy Performance Contract project (EPC)
- Continue Innovative Designs in Education (IDE). Teaching K-12 through hands-on problem solving and critical thinking.
- [International Baccalaureate Program](#) approval process and staff training at the HS

#### Budget Challenges

- [Foundation Aid](#) in NYS has not yet been restored to equitable funding levels. As of April 1, NYS has earmarked PVCSD to receive only \$86K in additional state aid for 2018-19.
- State mandated pension rates are increasing by \$243K
- Health premiums are increasing by \$346K
- [Energy Performance Contract](#) - first year costs exceed savings while the project is being implemented

#### Budget Reductions

- Chromebooks replace laptops at the lower grade levels
- Retirements -1.0 FT Teacher and 1.0 FT Support Staff, not being replaced

#### Did you know?

- Star eligible homeowners will also be eligible for tax relief credit because the District is levying under the tax cap. For more information: [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property-tax-relief.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property-tax-relief.htm)
- Since the inception of the NYS Tax Cap, the District's levy on average, has remained under 1%.



**Support our Troops Assembly**  
PVES shares experiences with local veterans



**Links of kindness at**  
Putnam Valley Middle School



9 of 11 High School Science  
Research students won awards at  
[WESEE](#), one of the largest science  
competitions in the state

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#### Board of Education

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## Dear Putnam Valley Community:

The 2018-19 Putnam Valley School District budget proposal demonstrates the District's commitment to strengthen current educational programs that provide significant opportunities for our students and enhance their potential for future success; maintaining Putnam Valley's focus on the "child first and foremost" and building relationships to create supportive and effective communities of learners. For many years, we have strived to provide prudent budgets that reduced the overall fiscal burden of residents. In fact, the change in taxes over the last seven years was .97%. In aggregate, the District has **lowered** the amount of allowable tax levy increases by \$3.5 million.

We are currently earmarked to receive a modest state aid increase of \$86,000 and we have significant rate increases in pension costs and health insurance premiums. Using appropriate reserves, we have managed to remain within the allowable tax cap, of 2.89%. While continuing to be sensitive to the fiscal concerns of our residents, this year's proposed tax levy change will be 2.72%, staying below the tax cap once again, this will ensure that residents receive the property tax relief credit offered by New York State. To that end, after obtaining input from the Citizens' Advisory Committee, community members, staff and students, we are proposing a budget of \$51,294,919 which includes our first year outlay of implementation costs for the Energy Performance Contract (EPC.) Thus, the proposed budget includes the transfer of debt service funds in the amount of \$1.3M. This transfer is similar to moving funds from your savings to your checking account and must be reflected in the budget as both revenue and expenditure. The impact of the proposed budget on the average Putnam Valley home is less than \$250 per year, which does not reflect the previously mentioned NYS Tax Relief Credit that STAR eligible homeowners will also be eligible to receive because the District tax levy is under the allowable tax cap.

The proposed budget will continue to ensure our students maximize their educational experience. We are expanding and advancing our current programs and learning resources, adding a second year of Mandarin Chinese at the middle school, providing additional training for the International Baccalaureate program at the high school, implementing the Later High School Start initiative, and continuing our Sustainability initiative, the Yale RULER program and instructional innovations to encourage student engagement in the classroom. We are not adding staff but rather conforming the staffing to address student needs and enrollments. By eliminating the need for some leave replacements, additional sections and some support staff, we are reducing personnel costs that result in the ability to stay below the tax cap. The School District's strong financial condition enables us to provide the programs and services that support the students in our community. We must continue to manage our costs, protect our reserves, maintain our strong bond rating and invest in program development.

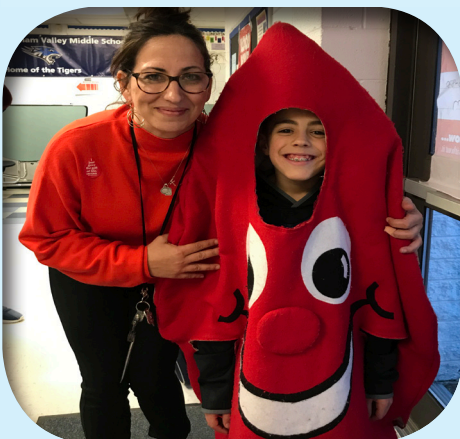
We are seeing students enjoy great success in programs we have introduced in the past few years, such as Science Research, French, Journeys, and the high school achievement center. Our student support specialist has become a strong liaison with Putnam County Youth Bureau and offers much needed assistance to high school students to supplement our clinical staff as the District seeks to address increased social emotional needs of adolescents, a regional and national concern.

The Putnam Valley School District continues to support educational and future advancement for all students while remaining committed to fiscal accountability to school district residents.

## Putnam Valley Board of Education

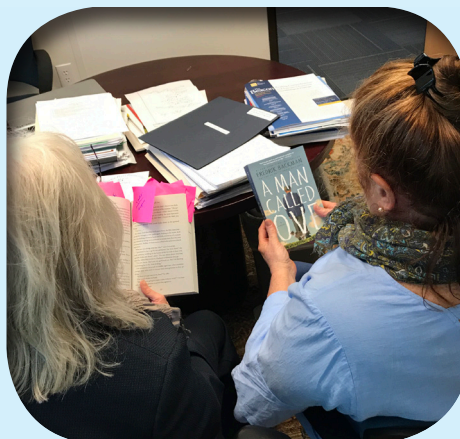
### Blood Drive

sponsored by the middle school



### Community Book Club

in conjunction with the library



### Senior Citizen Dinner

at the PVHS Spring Musical





## Proposed 2018 - 2019 Budget revised 5/8/2018

EXPENDITURES	Actual Budget 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-19	Budget Changes
<b>ADMINISTRATION 12.2%</b>			
Board of Education	69,275	71,719	2,444
Central Administration	407,539	390,949	-16,590
Finance	604,260	649,148	44,888
Operations & Maintenance	32,354	0	-32,354
Legal Services, Personnel, Public Information	314,861	346,983	32,122
Property & Liability Insurance, BOCES Administration	546,400	551,500	5,100
Regular School Supervision	1,945,775	2,025,091	79,316
Special Education Supervision	150,000	0	-150,000
Computer Education	144,192	0	-144,192
Pupil Services	186,957	0	-186,957
Pupil Transportation	32,354	42,656	10,302
Employee Benefits	1,393,356	1,470,495	77,139
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,827,323</b>	<b>5,548,541</b>	<b>-278,782</b>
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS 76.3%</b>			
In-service Training	351,500	361,500	10,000
Teaching-Regular School	14,706,986	15,554,305	847,319
Special Education	7,385,325	6,788,685	-596,640
School Libraries	215,402	206,928	-8,474
Computer Education	1,151,572	1,125,219	-26,353
Pupil Services	2,642,565	3,344,071	701,506
Pupil Transportation	2,597,541	2,784,631	187,090
Employee Benefits	9,175,763	9,683,743	507,980
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,226,654</b>	<b>39,849,082</b>	<b>1,622,428</b>
<b>CAPITAL 11.5%</b>			
Operations & Maintenance	2,362,796	2,466,106	103,310
Tax Refunds	25,000	0	-25,000
Employee Benefits	758,982	800,999	42,017
Pupil Transportation	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers & Debt Service	1,343,384	2,630,191	1,286,807
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,490,162</b>	<b>5,897,296</b>	<b>1,432,134</b>
<b>TOTAL: GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>48,544,139</b>	<b>51,294,919</b>	<b>2,750,780</b>

## Where the Money Comes From

Revenues \$51,294,919

**Real Property Tax Levy** \$36,747,311  
71.6% of revenue in the budget is derived from property taxes. Individual assessed values determine each tax payer's share.

**State and Federal Sources** \$10,472,933  
20.4% of revenue is from anticipated State Aid.

**Appropriated Fund Balance** \$2,218,403  
4.3% of revenue includes utilization of District reserves to meet revenue needs and avoid raising taxes.

**Local Non-Tax Sources** \$1,856,272  
3.6% of revenue comes from sources such as charges for services from outside groups, sales tax, and interest on investments. An increase in interest rates is anticipated.

## Where the Money Goes

Expenditures \$51,294,919

**Instruction** \$29,405,799  
57.3% of expenditures includes teacher salaries, instructional materials & supplies, library & media, Computer Assisted Instruction, Special Education Services, Pupil Personnel, BOCES Services, Health Services & Athletics. (17 different sports)

**Employee Benefits** \$11,955,237  
23.3% of expenditures includes mandated costs for Social Security, Medicare, retirement, health and other related insurance costs. There are increases in retirement contribution rates as well as health premiums.

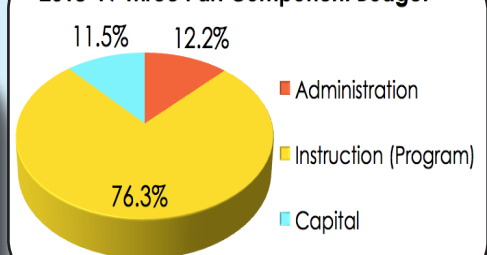
**Transportation** \$2,827,287  
5.5% of expenditures reflects the cost of home-to-school transportation, required by law, salaries and materials for in-district transportation, employees and fuel.

**Facilities and Maintenance** \$2,466,106  
4.8% of expenditures are used for district wide upkeep of buildings and grounds.

**Administrative Support** \$2,010,299  
3.9% of expenditures covers the cost of central administration, finance and treasurer, personnel, public relations and legal expenses.

**Debt Service and Interfund Transfers** \$2,630,191  
5.1% of expenditures are used to pay principal and interest on capital projects and unaided portion of Extended School Year Program. The Debt Service Fund is also used to supplement the debt payment.

## 2018-19 Three Part Component Budget



## Contingency Budget?

Option 1 Re-vote Same Budget*	Option 2 Re-Vote Cut Budget*	Option 3 Adopt Contingency Budget
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- If a Budget is defeated twice, the Board would be forced to adopt a contingency budget
- Contingency budget :
  - Tax levy can be no greater than the prior year or \$971,490 in cuts
  - Administrative portion of the budget cannot exceed the 2017-18 budget
  - Non-contingent items must be removed

## 2018-19 Proposed Budget

[http://pvcscd.org/BOE/budget/pdf/2018-19/2018-19\\_Budget\\_Presentation\\_3\\_5\\_18.pdf](http://pvcscd.org/BOE/budget/pdf/2018-19/2018-19_Budget_Presentation_3_5_18.pdf)

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- In a contingent budget, at least \$971,490 would have to be cut from programs, in addition to foregoing any tax relief to STAR eligible homeowners.
- Cuts compromise current and future program budgets.

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Register to vote for this budget before May 10th

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## School District Budget Notice

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$48,544,139	\$51,294,919	\$50,323,429
Increases/Decreases for the 2018-19 School Year		2,750,780	971,490
Percentage Increases/Decreases in Proposed Budget		5.7%	3.7%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	35,775,821	36,747,311	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	-	-	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	-	-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	-	-	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)</b>	<b>35,775,821</b>	<b>36,747,311</b>	<b>35,775,821</b>
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	924,751	1,229,220	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	34,901,070	35,548,091	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt, and/ or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	34,851,070	35,518,091	
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	50,000	30,000	
Administrative Component	5,794,969	5,548,541	5,548,541
Program Component	38,226,654	39,849,082	38,877,592
Capital Component	4,522,516	5,897,296	5,897,296
<p>*Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education law, a contingent budget would result in the removal of expenditures that do not impact the health &amp; safety of students. The Board of Education is prohibited from approving a tax levy greater than the prior year levy when operating under a contingency budget.</p>			
<p>** 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.)</p>	Description	Amount	
	Proposition #2 - Bus Financing	\$500,000	
<p>NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Work or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov</p>			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup> Putnam Valley Maximum Star			\$1,341
<p>The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Putnam Valley Central School District, Putnam County, New York, will be held at the Putnam Valley Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 6 AM and 9 PM, prevailing time in Putnam Valley, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.</p>			

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

### **PROPOSITION 2: BUS FINANCING - For District owned vehicles, up to \$500,000.**

#### **Proposition #2 is related to Maintaining our In-District Transportation needs.**

*(this is **NOT** related to the High School later start time beginning September 2018.)*

- The proposition asks for the ability to borrow up to \$500K as needed, with a declining balance as it is used.
- Provides the ability to finance a bus when a replacement is needed.
- Manages costs over a 5 year payback period from the date it is expensed.
- Avoids a large one-time expenditure in a budget that could create a negative program impact in the future.

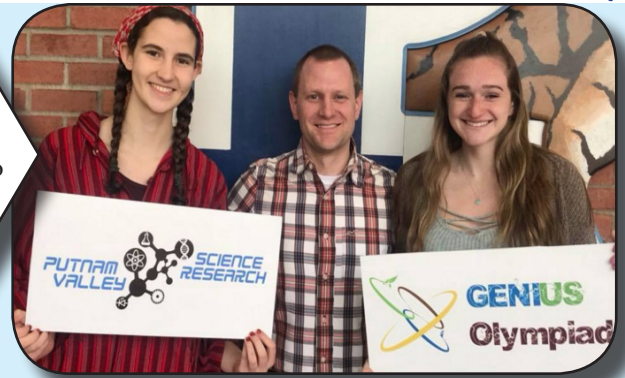
The current District owned fleet consists of 3 large buses, 12 vans and 2 SUV's on average traveling 313,000 miles/year.

# Celebrating Our Students, Staff and the Community

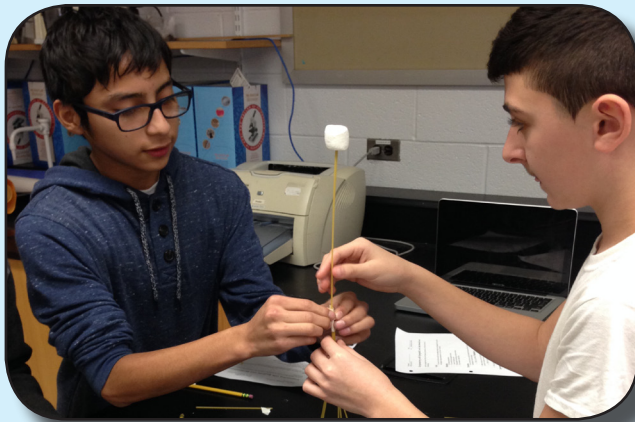


Manadarin Chinese celebrates at PVMS

PVHS 11th grade Science Research student, Sarah Broas, grand prize winner goes on to compete at the INTEL Science Fair May 11-18th.



Sarah Broas and Kaitlin Cohen, Class of 2019, pictured with teacher Jerry Zupan, will represent PVHS in the Genius Olympiad hosted by the State University of New York at Oswego. Over 1600 applicants from 70 different countries applied for 730 spots.



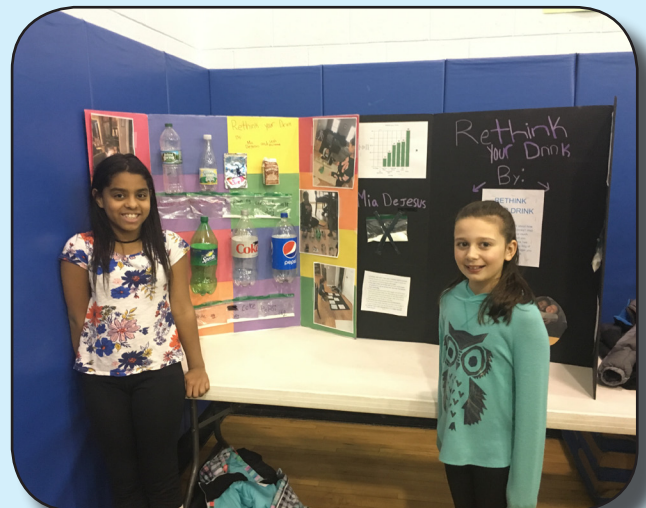
Middle School Science Class Challenge:  
20 spaghetti sticks, one meter of tape, teams of 3.  
Who can build the tallest tower?



High School Class of 2018  
Salutatorian: Joseph Abate Valedictorian: Paige Lee  
Guidance Counselors: Paige Davino, Laura Kilduff  
Principal Sandra Intrieri, center



Mr. Sperling's 4th graders performed a very special shadow play portraying integration through the eyes of Ruby Bridges following the Brown vs. BOE Supreme Court decision.



Elementary School Science Fair

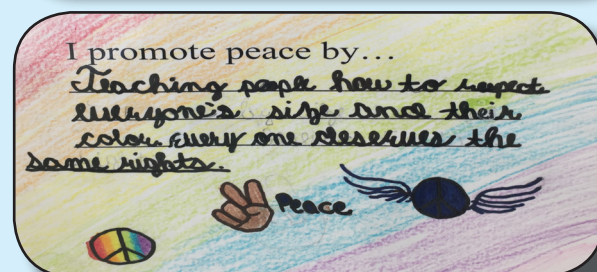


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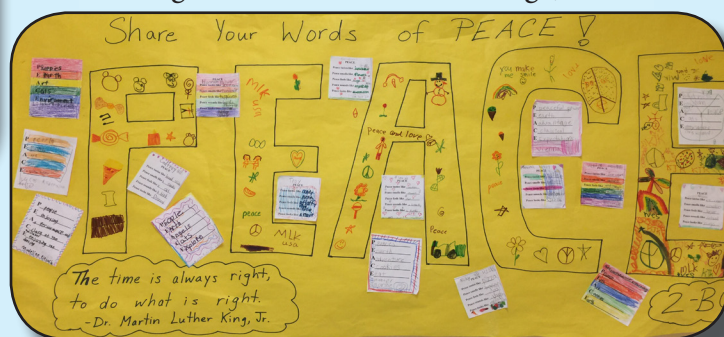
Wrestling took 4th place in NYS competition and was awarded the Division 2 Sportsmanship Award. Team member Kyle Sams placed 2nd in NYS.



Both girls and boys basketball - League champions. Girls 20-2 for the season and Kristi Dini Coach of the Year. Boys record 17-5.



Putnam Valley celebrates the importance of world peace, kindness and respect, and the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior.



The Varsity cheer team placed 3rd in the NYS competition having won the section championship for the third consecutive year.



Snow days: Making lemonade out of lemons!



The HS History Club visits Philadelphia.



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**Girls In Sports Day:** Varsity teams, organized by PV Boosters and Field Hockey Coach Rebecca Gherardi, led more than 100 young girls in the sports of field hockey, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, volleyball, softball and lacrosse

**MAGMAH** - student founded and student led soccer program for special needs children. "This hour every Sunday is literally my son's favorite hour of the week. We absolutely love this program. I hope all the coaches know the impact this one hour has on so many families. Thanks for continuing this!" - P.James



Mrs. Sperling's class celebrating Earth Day



Four student-athletes sign letters of intent to play Division 1 sports.  
Kelsey Murphy, University of Albany/Soccer,  
Emma Rippon, IONA/Lacrosse,  
Maddie Deegan, Quinnipiac/Lacrosse,  
Jessica Denike, Central Connecticut/Lacrosse



Congratulations to the new middle school inductees of the National Junior Honor Society...



...and high school students inducted into the National Honor Society