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Putnam Valley Central School District

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

A Publication of the Putnam Valley Central School District

Spring 2017

2017 - 2018 Special School Budget Issue

2017 - 2018 Proposed Budget Includes:

Tax Levy

- Proposed tax increase is less than the allowable limit set by the state formula at .84%

Proposed Budget Initiatives

- World language expansion at the MS adding Mandarin Chinese
- 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.
- Introduction of International Baccalaureate Program at the HS
- Adding a new instructional leadership position:
Director of Learning and Innovative Educational Opportunities
- Reducing class size by adding teaching staff at the MS & HS for science, Spanish, social studies and reading
- Adding support-staff for new and current programs

Budget Reductions

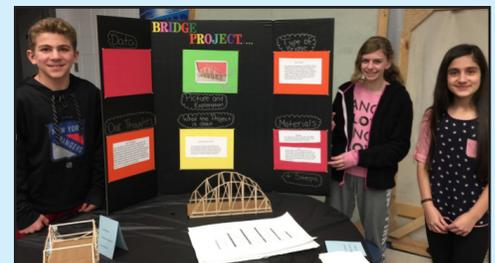
- Salary decreases due to retirement of 8 teachers and 7 non-teaching staff members to be replaced by new hires
- NYS contribution rates for employee pension funds reduced for the second year in a row

Budget Increases

- Increase in District Health Premiums by 8%
- Contractual increases: salaries, services, materials & supplies
- Two-4WD vehicles for student transportation



Mrs. Odell's 4th grade class received a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Cuomo for their submission of a 'Courage Quilt' in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.



Our 7th grade math classes received attention for their projects inspired by the Pudding Street-Taconic State Parkway overpass by the NYS Department of Transportation



Valedictorian, Mariana Silva will attend
Notre Dame University
Salutatorian, Kotoe Abe will attend
Lafayette College

Please Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6 AM to 9 PM
Putnam Valley Elementary School, 171 Oscawana Lake Road

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Dear Putnam Valley Community:

The 2017-18 budget represents our continued quest to provide outstanding educational opportunities for our students that will enhance their potential for future success: maintaining the District's focus on the "child first and foremost." We also strive to maintain a prudent budget plan sensitive to the fiscal concerns of our residents. To that end, after obtaining input from the Citizens' Advisory Committee, community members, staff and students, we are presenting a budget of \$48,544,139 representing an increase of 1.25%. The proposed budget remains lower than the 2013-14 adopted budget. With the application of appropriate reserves, additional state aid, reduction of pension contributions, and savings from retirements, the tax levy remains within the allowable limit since its inception so the District residents will be eligible for a property tax relief credit. Even with an increase of \$400,000 (8%) in health insurance premiums, we are able to continue our goals for student growth.

Furthering our goal of lowering expenditures, the Energy Performance Contract will provide savings of \$384,000 annually, or over 5.7 million dollars over 15 years. Although the contract does not require a vote, if the project is approved by the voters the District will be eligible for an estimated \$600,000 in savings over the 15 years of the project through a 10% additional aid incentive. There is NO COST to the District Taxpayer, while the District reduces its carbon footprint more intensively with solar photovoltaic roof systems, window and lighting replacements, and a geothermal installation at the elementary school.

This budget provides savings from retirements and staffing changes, and we are able to provide additional resources for student learning. We will be replacing eight (8) retiring teachers and seven (7) retiring non-teaching positions and increasing staff at the Middle School and the High School. The budget will include 5.4 teaching positions that will address class size and allow for new program offerings. In addition, a Director of Learning and Innovative Educational Opportunities will support curriculum and instructional technology K-12. Other increases in the instructional component of the budget are contractually determined, and include contingent funds to support leave replacements and accounts for additional staffing should enrollments increase beyond projections.

Academic initiatives for 2017-18 embrace educational strategies that provide support and enrichment. At the High School, the budget supports a 1.0 science teacher to reduce class size, 1.0 ELA teacher to teach journalism, film, and instruction in the achievement center. There is also an additional 1.0 Spanish teacher shared between the middle and high school to lower class size. The Middle School will also add a .4 mandated Family and Consumer Sciences encore, .4 social studies to address class size, and .6 special education reading teacher as well as a 1.0 reading and writing lab for general education at the middle school. Other positions include a replacement of a 12-month office assistant with a school calendar employee, and a teaching assistant and monitor at the MS Active Learning Lab. We are also adding a full-time Cleaner at the High School to address the more concentrated lunch periods moving from five (5) to three (3) with the proposed new schedule.

Other initiatives included in the budget are the first steps in developing a high school International Baccalaureate program and introducing a Mandarin Chinese distance learning program in Grade 7 as an alternative to Spanish.

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

Celebrating Our Students, Staff and the Community

- Over 80 students participated in HS production of *Billy Elliot*
- PVHS Class of '13 graduate, John Messinger, was named 2017 Valedictorian for the NYU College of Arts and Sciences
- 83 students participated in the PVMS production of *Shrek*
- 8 of 11 science research students won awards at the WESEF, one of the largest science competitions in the state
- The Varsity cheer team won the section championship for the second year in a row and placed 2nd in the NYS competition
- 8th Grade gymnast, Caitlin Pellegrino, a Section 1 champion, competed at the NYS Championships
- Rachel's Challenge prompted students to handwrite over 300 messages of gratitude to the PV staff and community
- The Putnam Valley Education Foundation, raised and donated over \$19,000 to be used in our schools
- MS Student Government collected/donated 210 winter coats
- PVHS History Club walked the Freedom Trail in Boston
- High school students competed in and took 1st place in a Digital Arts Tech Challenge
- 1700 people have downloaded the PVCSD app, have you? Search your app store for Putnam Valley CSD to stay up to date on school news, photos and notifications via your cell phone.
- PVCSD hosted a *Community Circle of Learning* to deepen our understanding of our differences and what connects us as a community
- HS establishes Peer Mediation approach to conflict resolution
- ES outdoor classroom is open and in use
- Six wrestlers advance to NYS championships and the team placed 7th in the state
- HS adds food service kiosk to first floor
- PVES was recognized by *Support our Troops* for 10 years of donations



TheatreWorks Production of Billy Elliot

Celebrating Our Students, Staff and the Community

- *Seussical for Kids* was performed by more than 50 talented third and fourth grade students at PVES
- There are over 50 extra-curricular clubs at all three schools before and after class hours
- The MS active learning lab provides a flexible space for project based and hands-on learning
- Field hockey and girls basketball were named Scholar Athlete teams by NYSPHSAA

Proposed 2017 - 2018 Budget			
EXPENDITURES	Actual Budget 2016-17	Proposed Budget 2017-18	Budget Changes
ADMINISTRATION			
Board of Education	61,812	69,275	7,463
Central Administration	396,653	407,539	10,886
Finance	596,270	604,260	7,990
Operations & Maintenance	0	32,354	32,354
Legal Services, Personnel, Public Information	323,816	314,861	-8,955
Property & Liability Insurance, BOCES Administration	499,276	546,400	47,124
Regular School Supervision	1,779,401	1,945,775	166,374
Special Education Supervision	160,133	150,000	-10,133
Computer Education	136,666	144,192	7,526
Pupil Services	177,965	186,957	8,992
Pupil Transportation	45,250	32,354	-12,896
Employee Benefits	823,175	1,393,356	570,181
TOTAL	5,000,417	5,827,323	826,906
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS			
Inservice Training	211,860	351,500	139,640
Teaching-Regular School	14,028,887	14,706,986	678,099
Special Education	7,436,536	7,385,325	-51,211
School Libraries	193,086	215,402	22,316
Computer Education	964,922	1,151,572	186,650
Pupil Services	2,555,642	2,642,565	86,923
Pupil Transportation	2,708,246	2,597,541	-110,705
Employee Benefits	9,854,445	9,175,763	-678,682
TOTAL	37,953,624	38,226,654	273,030
CAPITAL			
Operations & Maintenance	2,370,463	2,362,796	-7,667
Tax Refunds	75,000	25,000	-50,000
Employee Benefits	761,374	758,982	-2,392
Interfund Transfers & Debt Service	1,782,384	1,343,384	-439,000
TOTAL	4,989,221	4,490,162	-499,059
TOTAL: GENERAL FUND	47,943,262	48,544,139	600,877

DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET		2017 - 2018
Source:	Fund Balance	920,441
	Transfers in from General Fund	1,183,384
	Expenditures from Debt Service Payments	(2,103,825)
This represents the District's debt payments being partially funded by the Debt Service Fund.		

Where the Money Comes From

Revenues \$48,544,139

- Real Property Tax Levy** \$35,775,821
73.7% of revenue in the budget is derived from property taxes. Individual assessed values determine each tax payers share. The tax levy is lower than it was 5 years ago.
- State and Federal Sources** \$10,415,000
21.5% of revenue is from anticipated State Aid. Aid has increased 3.6%.
- Appropriated Fund Balance** \$1,658,318
3.4% of revenue includes utilization of District reserves to meet revenue needs and avoid raising taxes.
- Local Non-Tax Sources** \$695,000
1.4% of revenue comes from sources such as charges for services from outside groups, tuition for out-of-district students, sales tax, and interest on investments. An increase in interest rates is anticipated.

Where the Money Goes

Expenditures \$48,544,139

- Instruction** \$28,880,274
59.5% of expenditures include 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** \$11,328,101
23.3% of expenditures include mandated costs for Social Security, Medicare, retirement, health and other related insurance costs. Budget changes are affected by realignment of the three budget components as per NYSED guidelines.
- Transportation** \$2,629,895
5.4% of expenditures reflect the cost of home-to-school transportation, required by law, salaries and materials for in-district transportation, employees and fuel.
- Facilities and Maintenance** \$2,395,150
5.0% of expenditures are used for district wide upkeep of buildings and grounds.
- Administrative Support** \$1,967,335
4.0% of expenditures cover the cost of central administration, finance and treasurer, personnel, public relations and legal expenses.
- Debt Service and Interfund Transfers** \$1,343,384
2.8% 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.

Proposition 2: NO COST to the Taxpayer

Energy Performance Contract (EPC)

Scope of Work

- Solar panels on rooftops at the HS, MS and ES bus garage
- New window upgrades in ES for the 1935 and 1962 wings
- New LED lighting throughout the District
- A Geothermal Heat Pump system at the ES to reduce reliance on oil
- Upgrade the temperature monitoring system at each campus

Savings

- \$384K annual savings = \$5.7M over 15 year finance term
- 10% aid incentive from NYS, \$52K annually, if the Proposition on the ballot is approved by the voters



Proposition 1: 2017-18 Budget

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$47,943,262	\$48,544,139	\$48,243,282
Increases/Decreases for the 2017-18 School Year		600,877	300,857
Percentage Increases/Decreases in Proposed Budget		1.25%	.62
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	35,474,964	35,775,821	
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	-	-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	35,474,964	35,775,821	35,474,964
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	1,171,461	924,751	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	37,646,425	34,901,070	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Lev , <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	34,303,503	35,775,821	
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	3,342,922	874,751	
Administrative Component^	5,000,417	5,827,323	5,827,323
Program Component^	37,953,624	38,226,654	37,925,797
Capital Component^	4,989,221	4,490,162	4,490,162
*Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education law, a contingent budget would result in the removal of expenditures that do not impact the health & 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.			
** List Separate Propostions 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.)	Description	Amount	
	Energy Performance Project	\$0	
^Budget components have been realigned as per New York State Education Department guidelines.			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ₁			\$1,319
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-18 by the qualified voters of the Putnam Valley School District, Putnam County, New York, will be held at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 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.			
₁ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.			