

SPOTLIGHT

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the Putnam Valley School District:

The Putnam Valley Board of Education has adopted the proposed 2010-2011 school budget. This year, voters will cast ballots on the budget and two open Board of Education trustee seats.

The challenges in creating the 2010-2011 school budget were monumental in scope. As with the past few years, the Board of Education re-authorized the Budget Committee to review not only the budget but also the programs within the schools. Over a period of several months, from December through March of this school year, the committee evaluated budget expenditures and sought to achieve, in their recommendations to the Board of Education, a balance between maintaining the quality of programs with cost effectiveness.

During this same period of time, the District administrative team also reviewed faculty assignments and programs. Working together, they developed schedules that could consolidate some faculty positions without having a negative impact on students.

Over several Business Meetings, the Board of Education reviewed the recommendations and, on April 22, adopted a budget which achieved the delicate balance between providing a quality education for the students of Putnam Valley and assuring the community of fiscal responsibility.

We look forward to your coming out to vote on May 18th from 6am to 9pm at Putnam Valley Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Putnam Valley Board of Education

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PVHS Teacher Selected a "2009 Teacher of the Year"

Putnam Valley High School teacher, Mr. Craig Glenn, was selected as a "2009 Teacher of the Year" as a result of his student, Ryan Moynihan, submitting an essay to a national level writing competition that was sponsored by the Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotel Organization.

Ryan's essay, entitled "Teachers Who Make A Difference," highlighted all the great things that Ryan sees in Mr. Glenn. The

Putnam Valley Board of Education recognized Ryan with "Pride in Putnam Valley" for his initiative in honoring and respecting his teacher. Mr. Glenn was also recognized by the Board of Education with the "Pride in Putnam Valley" honor for his dedication to his students.



*Class of 2009
College Acceptances*

Adelphi University
 Albright College
 Allegheny College
 American University
 Anna Maria College
 Arcadia College
 Arizona State University
 Boston University
 Bronx Community College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve
 Castleton State College
 Cazenovia College
 City College
 Clark University
 Clarkson University
 Clemson University
 College of St. Rose
 College of Westchester
 College of William & Mary
 Concordia College
 Cornell University
 Culinary Institute of America
 CW Post College
 Denison University
 Drexel University
 Dutchess Community College
 East Carolina University
 Elmira College
 Fairfield University
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Five Towns College
 Florida Atlantic University
 Fordham University
 Framingham State College
 Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
 Fulton-Montgomery Community College
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Harrisburg University of Science & Technology
 Hartwick College
 Haverford College
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Herkimer Community College
 Hofstra University
 Hood College
 Hunter College
 Iona College
 Ithaca College
 James Madison University
 John Jay College
 Johnson & Wales University
 Keene State College
 Keuka College
 Kings College
 Lafayette College
 LaSalle University
 Lasell College
 LeMoyne College
 Liberty University
 Manhattan College
 Manhattan Community College
 Manhattanville College
 Marist College
 Marymount Manhattan
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology

What are we trying to achieve at the Putnam Valley Central School District on the Superintendent’s Conference Days?

by Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel

I have been asked to review our "big picture" regarding our K-12 (kindergarten through twelfth grade) staff development efforts. Unlike other districts, our K-12 coordinators (our own teachers) facilitate the discussions, K-12, on Superintendent's Conference Days regarding our curriculum and instruction articulation and "best instructional practices." The District feels that in order to achieve "buy-in" for our efforts, we must continue to ensure our teachers are engaged in the curriculum and instructional alignment process via teacher/administrator structured discussions.

Our "big picture" in terms of curriculum and instruction, K-12, is to build and sustain a supportive community of reflective learners in order to ensure that the varied instructional needs of the students that we serve are met.

Our K-12 coordinators, in conjunction with our administrators, have been leading the charge in aligning our curriculum and instruction. This is evident by the creation and continuous adaptation of our curriculum maps within all subject areas (**please go to www.pvcsd.org, click on curriculum and view our curriculum “maps”**). It is also evident in our discussions about the curriculum relevant to "best instructional practices."

So, now that we have K-12 curriculums in place, the next step in the "big picture" is to share student work. This is an extremely important undertaking because we must reflect on the impact that our curriculum and instruction is having on the students that we serve. We began this endeavor on December 23rd; it was an extremely successful day as evidenced by the reflective comments that our teachers stated in the evaluation of the day.

The next step in the process of building and supporting a community of reflective learners in order to ensure that the varied instructional needs of our students are met is to actually view the instruction in our mixed teacher groupings.

PVES Building Steering Committee Improves Resources Available to Parents

Putnam Valley Elementary School’s Building Steering Committee has made it a priority this year to increase the variety of parent resources that we offer. The committee felt that achieving this goal would help give parents a better understanding of what the school day is like for their children. It would also provide ways that parents can support their children at home, furthering student growth and progress.

Earlier in the year, parents completed a survey that highlighted what types of resources parents would want to have access to and how they would like to receive the information. Most parents preferred to use the school website, as it allows them to access information in a way that fits their schedule.

Based on the results of the survey, the Building Steering Committee focused its energy on generating the types of parent resources that could be added to our website that parents would find both informative and useful. One of the additions that may appear under parent resources on our website is research articles. The topics of these articles may range from how students learn to how students develop socially within a school setting. We are also considering posting links to various videos, including PTA workshops and teachers modeling lessons. You may also be able to access PowerPoint presentations that explain various parts of our curriculum.

Our Building Steering Committee, along with the PVES community, believes that the relationship between home and school is an incredibly important component in our students achieving success. It is our hope that through providing parents with more information and more resources, this goal will be easier to attain.

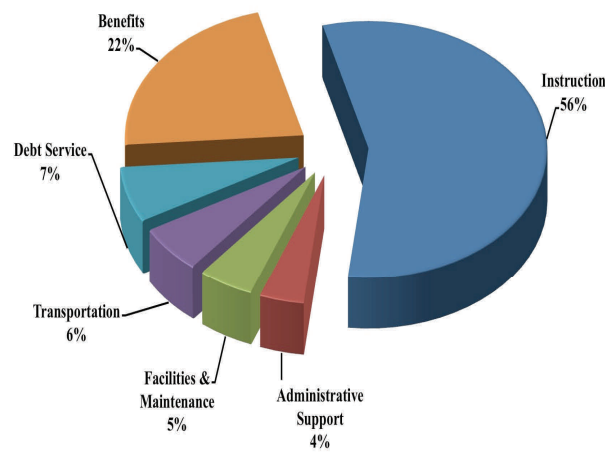
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- Mercy College
- Miami University of Ohio
- Misericordia College
- Mount Ida College
- Mount St. Mary College
- Mount St. Vincent College
- Mt. St. Mary's University
- Muhlenberg College
- Nassau Community College
- Nazareth College
- New York City College of Technology
- New York University
- Newbury College
- Nichols College
- Northeastern University
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Plymouth State College
- Polytechnic Institute of NYU
- Princeton University
- Quinnipiac College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island College
- Rider University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Michael's College
- Salem State College
- Salve Regina College
- School of Visual Arts
- Scranton University
- Siena College
- So. Connecticut State College
- So. Connecticut State University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Springfield College
- St. John Fisher College
- St. John's University
- St. Leo University
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Stevens Institute
- Stonehill College
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Binghamton
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo State
- SUNY Buffalo University
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Delhi
- SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry
- SUNY Farmingdale
- SUNY Geneseo
- SUNY Institute of Technology
- SUNY New Paltz
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Plattsburgh
- SUNY Purchase
- SUNY Stony Brook
- Syracuse University
- Tiffin University
- Tompkins Cortland Community College
- Towson University
- Universal Technical Institute
- University of Connecticut

	<u>Adjusted 2009-10</u>	<u>Proposed 2010-11</u>	<u>Change</u>
Instructional Services			
School Administration & Curriculum Development	1,741,367	1,726,048	(15,319)
Regular School Programs	13,031,320	12,879,545	(151,775)
Programs for Students with Disabilities	6,301,969	6,286,196	(15,773)
Instructional Media	1,583,231	1,490,673	(92,558)
Guidance	534,856	505,711	(29,145)
Health / Psychological / Pupil Services	793,385	805,997	12,612
Clubs & After School Activities	212,748	212,748	0
Interscholastic Athletics	886,622	812,617	(74,005)
Total Instructional Services	25,085,498	24,719,535	(365,963)
Administrative Support Services	1,862,260	1,853,064	(9,196)
Facilities & Maintenance	2,413,503	2,382,558	(30,945)
Transportation Services			
District Operated Transportation	1,388,974	1,444,506	55,532
Contract Transportation	1,130,777	1,130,777	0
Total Transportation Services	2,519,751	2,575,283	55,532
Interfund Transfers: Debt Service & Special Aid	3,021,342	2,847,671	(173,671)
Benefits	8,626,609	9,482,598	855,989
Total Expenditures	43,528,963	43,860,709	331,746
Less Non-Tax Revenues	10,022,566	10,075,430	52,864
Equals Tax Levy	33,506,397	33,785,279	278,882

Tax Levy Increase 0.83%

Budget Summary



Our students continue to shine!

Putnam Valley High School continues to induct large numbers of students into its five academic honor societies:

- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta - Math Honor Society
- Spanish Honor Society
- Tri - M Music Honor Society
- French Honor Society

Four-year analysis of 2006-2009 NYS Education Dept. (NYSED) assessment data for students in Grades 3-HS shows continued academic improvement, and we forecast that 2010 NYSED assessment measures will continue to indicate academic improvement for our students. Please visit www.pvcsd.org and go to the scrolling bar in center and click "New 2009 NYSED student assessment data shows trend of continuous improvement by our students in content areas!"

In 2010-11, PVHS anticipates offering 13 Advanced Placement college level courses. AP classes are essential for giving our students the challenging high school coursework they need to excel in college.

Putnam Valley's graduation rates are impressive. Since the inception of the High School, the graduating rates for our students continue to be in the 90th percentile. For the 2005 cohort that graduated in June 2009, Putnam Valley's graduation rate was 92%.

Putnam Valley's students are model citizens both inside and outside the classroom. They provide valuable services to our community by volunteering in programs such as:

- Food and clothing drives throughout the year
- Senior Citizen's Dinner Theater
- Snow Angels
- Special Olympics
- Toys for Tots



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Please don't forget to
VOTE
on
Tuesday, May 18th, 2010
from 6am to 9pm



New Voting Info and Dates to Remember

The May 18th Budget and Board of Education Vote will take place in the Elementary School cafeteria. The District made the decision to move the vote from the High School due to the use of the new voting machines that are provided by Putnam County. (These are the same machines that the county used in the primary and general election held this past fall.) The Elementary School cafeteria allows a larger space for the machine set up which gives the voters more privacy in completing their ballots and voting. For the convenience of voters, parking spots will be available directly outside of the Elementary School cafeteria. The polls will be open from 6am to 9pm.

Also, the new machines use a two-sided ballot. The ballot will have the candidates running for the two available Board of Education trustee seats on one side and the budget proposition on the reverse.

Important Dates:

May 13—Last Day for personal registration to vote at the District Office

May 18—Budget Vote & Board Election 6am-9pm

Absentee Ballots are available at the District Office until May 17 (in person) or by mail until May 12.

Polls are located at :

**Putnam Valley Elementary School
171 Oscawana Lake Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579**

PLEASE USE CAFETERIA ENTRANCE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Class of 2009 College Acceptances

University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Massachusetts –
Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina
University of Philadelphia
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Utica College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wells College
Wesley College
Westchester Community College
Western Connecticut State College
Western New England College
Wheaton College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
York College of Pennsylvania

*417 College Acceptances
as of 6/3/09*