

Please remember to vote in person!  
**Tuesday, May 18, 6 AM to 9 PM**  
171 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley

If needed, absentee ballots are still available at the District office through Monday, May 17, 3 PM.  
Absentee Ballots must be received by Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 5 PM.

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Our greatest appreciation and thanks to **Guy Cohen, Board Trustee**, for his 30+ years of volunteer service, on the Board of Education.



**Putnam Valley Central School District**

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Building a Foundation for the Future"*

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THIS IS YOUR 2021-22 SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE

Dear Putnam Valley Community:

During challenging times, the strength of a community is tested, and we could not be more impressed with how Putnam Valley has responded. The outpouring of support for neighbors who are struggling, the willingness to lend a helping hand, and the collective efforts of all to keep our community and schools safe give us much to celebrate.

We are equally grateful for what the staff of the Putnam Valley School District has been able to accomplish over the past 12 months. While there is no substitute for the learning that takes place within our classrooms each day, we are so proud of how the Putnam Valley School District has served our students over the past year.

As a District, we were able to provide a level of service that many schools in our region were unable to provide. In early September, without any delay, we were able to reopen our school doors for in-person learning. Elementary school students were welcomed back five days a week and high school and middle school students were in their classrooms on a hybrid schedule, alternating between in-school and remote learning. As soon as guidelines allowed, all students were invited back into our buildings on a full-time basis. Our teachers continue to simultaneously balance meaningful instruction for both "at home" and "in-school" learners.

As we prepared our budget for the 2021-2022 school year, we continued to face many unknown variables related to our recovery and future implications of COVID-19. While we are hoping and planning for a full return to school in the fall, we must remain flexible and be ready to easily adapt if necessary. Academic support, personal protective equipment (PPE), enhanced cleaning procedures, and other health and safety protocols are part of our budget for next year.

The PVCSD has prepared a fiscally responsible budget that will preserve our academic programs, support the social-emotional needs of our students, and help keep everyone healthy and safe. Despite all of the expenses related to operating schools during a pandemic, our budget remains below the NYS Tax Levy Cap for the 10th year in a row.

Please review the information included in this newsletter, visit our website at [PVCSD.ORG](http://PVCSD.ORG) for detailed information and budget related videos. The Putnam Valley School District is committed to serving our students and community during these challenging times.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Take care and stay well.

Dr. Jeremy Luft  
Superintendent of Schools

Jeanine Rufo  
Board of Education President

## Pride in Putnam Valley

- PVCSD has one of the highest graduation rates among local districts and is the highest in Putnam County.
- PVCSD will celebrate our first ever IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma candidates this year.
- Our students continue to excel academically, athletically, and through the arts; earning numerous local, state, and national honors.
- The budget includes:
  - » a tax levy that remains below the NYS allowable tax cap for the 10th consecutive year at 1.96% with an estimated tax rate that is lower than it was 8 years ago, averaging an increase of only 1%.
  - » a newly negotiated five year transportation contract secures savings and stability.
  - » maintaining current academic programs and recognizes the need for social-emotional learning and programs.
  - » support for a full offering of clubs, activities, performing arts and athletics.
  - » a library media specialist at PVMS.
  - » continued enhancements to our innovative instructional program.



The 2021-2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL IN THREE-PART FORMAT  
 All public schools in New York State are required to report appropriations in three official categories: Instruction, Capital, and Administrative. The following data shows how the Putnam Valley School budget breaks down:

**Proposed 2021 - 2022 Budget**

EXPENDITURES	Budget 2020-21	Proposed Budget 2021-22	Budget Changes
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**THE INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET INCLUDES:**  
 The salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS 77%**

Curriculum & Instruction	27,217,954	27,727,550	509,596
Pupil Transportation	3,026,695	3,162,484	135,789
Employee Benefits	9,595,829	9,805,357	209,528
Interfund Transfers	95,000	95,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,935,478</b>	<b>40,790,391</b>	<b>854,913</b>

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET INCLUDES:**  
 The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, and legal services.

**ADMINISTRATION 11%**

Business & Finance	1,573,470	1,605,276	31,806
Central Administration	545,081	556,384	11,303
Supervision	1,912,153	1,913,201	1,048
Benefits & Community	1,457,145	1,488,961	31,816
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,487,849</b>	<b>5,563,822</b>	<b>75,973</b>

**THE CAPITAL BUDGET INCLUDES:**  
 Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

**CAPITAL 12%**

Operations	2,004,239	2,094,425	90,186
Maintenance	703,618	759,502	55,884
Employee Benefits	793,729	811,060	17,331
Debt Service	2,982,950	3,177,249	194,299
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,484,536</b>	<b>6,842,236</b>	<b>357,700</b>

<b>TOTAL: GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>51,907,863</b>	<b>53,196,449</b>	<b>1,288,586</b>
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**Where the Money Comes From**

Revenues \$53,196,449

**Real Property Tax Levy 72.9%** **\$38,755,967**

Derived from the assessed value of your property and the equalization rate.

**State and Federal Sources 21.8%** **\$11,619,482**

Anticipated State Aid.

**Appropriated Fund Balance 2.4%** **\$1,300,000**

Includes utilization of District reserves to meet revenue needs and avoid raising taxes.

**Local Non-Tax Sources 2.9%** **\$1,521,000**

Revenues from sources such as charges for services from outside groups, out-of-district tuition, sales tax, and interest on investments. (\$1M from Debt Reserve)

**Where the Money Goes**

Expenditures \$53,196,449

**Instruction 55.7%** **\$29,640,751**

Includes teacher salaries, instructional materials and supplies, library and media, computer assisted instruction, Special Education services, Pupil Personnel, BOCES services, Athletics and health services.

**Employee Benefits 22.8%** **\$12,105,378**

Includes mandated costs for Social Security, Medicare, retirement, health and other related insurance costs. There are increases in pension contribution rates and health premiums.

**Transportation 6.1%** **\$3,226,312**

Reflects in-district and out-of-district home-to-school transportation, salaries, materials, and fuel.

**Facilities and Maintenance 5.2%** **\$2,757,628**

District-wide upkeep of buildings and grounds.

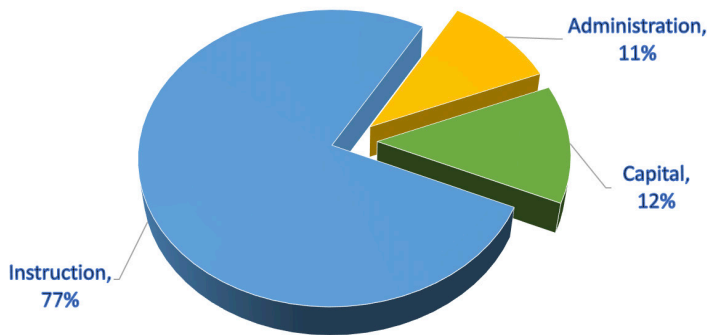
**General Support 4.1%** **\$2,194,131**

Covers the cost of central administration, finance and treasurer, personnel, public relations and legal expenses.

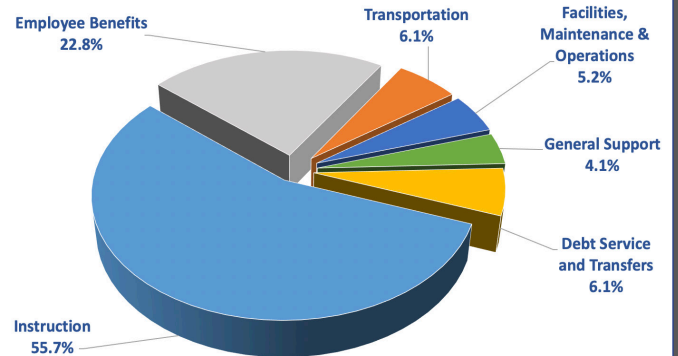
**Debt Service and Interfund Transfers 6.1%** **\$3,272,249**

Used to pay principal and interest on capital projects and non-aidable portion of the Extended School Year Program. The Debt Service Fund is also used to supplement the debt payment.

**Three-Part Component 2021-22 Budget**



**Proposed Expenditures 2021-22 Budget**



**VOTE in person at the Putnam Valley Elementary School on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between 6 AM and 9 PM.**

## What do the terms, tax levy, and tax rate mean?

- Tax Levy refers to the amount of money the District needs from local taxpayers (over and above other revenues) to meet the demands of the budget.
- The Tax Rate is the amount used to calculate a property owner's school taxes for every \$1000 of their taxable assessed property value. Individual town tax rates will vary based on local assessments and NYS equalization rates.

## What happens if the budget fails?

The Board of Education may be forced to adopt a budget with a tax levy no greater than what was levied the prior year (contingency budget\*) or put the same or revised budget before the voters again. A second defeat would require the adoption of the contingency budget resulting in the reduction of \$745,018 for the 2021-22 school year and would compound required reductions for subsequent years.

School District Budget Notice			
Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$51,907,863	53,196,449	52,451,431
Increases/Decreases for the 2021-22 School Year		1,288,586	543,568
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.48%	1.05%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	38,010,949	38,755,967	
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>38,010,949</b>	<b>38,755,967</b>	<b>38,010,949</b>
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	1,051,479	1,335,827	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	36,959,470	37,444,854	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	36,959,470	37,420,140	
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	0	24,714	
Administrative Component	5,487,849	5,563,822	5,563,822
Program Component	39,935,478	40,790,391	40,045,373
Capital Component	6,484,536	6,842,236	6,842,236
*Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education law, in the case of a contingency budget, districts are constrained in three ways: determination of ordinary contingency budget appropriations, the administrative cap, and the restriction on the tax levy. Ordinary contingency expenses are defined as the expenditures absolutely necessary to operate and maintain schools.			
** 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.)	Description	Amount	
			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
	Carmel		1,194
	Cortlandt		2,166
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	Putnam Valley		1,198

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 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 18, 2021 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.