

PUTNAM VALLEY

Budget Newsletter 2023-2024



Dear Putnam Valley Community:

The proposed 2023-2024 Putnam Valley school budget sustains our rich and rigorous academic programs, enhances our instructional practices, retains our exceptional staff, and recognizes the financial constraints of the tax-paying community. An additional School Resource Officer will further improve the safety of our school community.

As our schools continue to thrive, some of our success must be credited to the fact that we were able to maintain in-person learning when COVID forced many others to remain at home. This is a testament to the dedication of our entire staff who did everything necessary to keep our buildings open and students in classrooms.

There is much to be proud of in and around our schools. Our students continue to excel on New York State assessments, with many grade levels scoring in the top 10% of all schools in the state! Building on the success of our International Baccalaureate



Additional Proposition on the School Budget Ballot

The Town Library will use a provision of state law that allows them to put their budget out for voter approval at the same time as residents vote on the school budget. While the propositions will appear on the same ballot, no school district funds are shared with the town library and no library funds are shared with the district. These are two separate entities and will remain so moving forward.

<https://putnamvalleylibrary.org/>

Diploma Programme at the High school, Putnam Valley Middle School is now a candidacy school for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP). Additionally, members of the Garrison School District Board of Education were so impressed by our academic program, Garrison students will now have the option to attend our High School with tuition costs covered by the Garrison School District. At our Elementary School, a new K-4 literacy program is reinforcing the practices rooted in the science of reading that Putnam Valley has always embraced. From kindergarten through grade 12, the academic and social-emotional needs of our students are met through a multi-tiered system of support which will ensure every child receives a sound educational experience.

This newsletter seeks to provide details on how our spending plan supports our students and staff. We hope the information provided here will help you cast an informed vote.

We believe the 2023-2024 budget maximizes our programs and reflects the priorities of the community and we thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Dr. Jeremy Luft
Superintendent of Schools

Barbara Parmly
Board of Education President

SPRING 2023

Budget Highlights

- Tax levy under the tax cap for the 12th consecutive year despite the impacts of inflation on district expenditures
- Maintains academic programs and staffing that support student success
- Addition of s School Resource Officer
- Revenue generated by welcoming Garrison students to PVHS
- Increased senior citizen tax exemption levels

Savings achieved:

- Reduced outsourcing by leveraging the skills of our talented employees
- Geothermal heating and cooling and solar panels at all three buildings reduce our reliance on public utilities (electricity and oil)
- Strong fiscal health yields "AA" bond rating
- Roof repair at PVHS will be completed without additional cost to the taxpayer
- Shared services and community partnerships reduce costs

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BUDGET & TRUSTEE
VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6 AM - 9 PM ★ Putnam Valley Elementary School
171 Oscawana Lake Road

School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$55,823,530	\$58,145,135	\$57,179,994
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$ 2,321,605	\$ 1,356,464
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.16%	2.43%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$39,334,859	\$40,300,000	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
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)	\$39,334,859	\$40,300,000	\$39,334,859
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 1,027,673	\$ 1,163,076	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$38,350,386	\$39,153,573	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$38,307,186	\$39,136,924	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 43,200	\$ 16,649	
Administrative Component	\$ 5,757,936	\$ 6,205,746	\$ 6,205,746
Program Component	\$41,150,071	\$43,312,235	\$42,347,094
Capital Component	\$ 8,915,523	\$ 8,627,154	\$ 8,627,154

*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
Bus Proposition	\$500,000

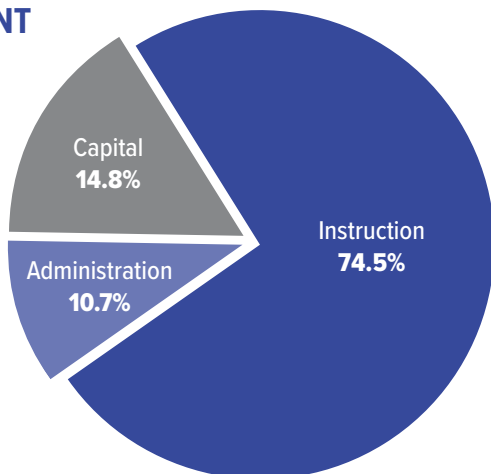
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

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

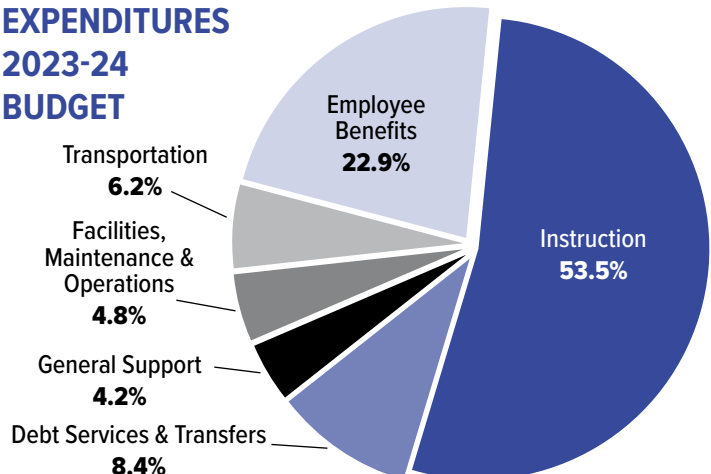
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Carmel	\$1,168
Cortlandt	\$2,000
Putnam Valley	\$1,166

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 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 16, 2023 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.

THREE-PART COMPONENT 2023-24 BUDGET



PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2023-24 BUDGET



PROPOSED 2023-24 BUDGET: 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:

EXPENDITURES			
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS 74.5%			
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.			
	BUDGET 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24	BUDGET CHANGES
Curriculum & Instruction	\$27,701,612	\$28,930,946	\$1,229,334
Pupil Transportation	\$3,274,410	\$3,500,553	\$226,143
Employee Benefits	\$10,084,049	\$10,790,736	\$706,687
Interfund Transfers	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$41,150,071	\$43,312,235	\$2,162,164
ADMINISTRATION 10.7%			
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.			
	BUDGET 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24	BUDGET CHANGES
Business & Finance/Facilities & Maintenance	\$1,682,548	\$1,807,116	\$124,568
Central Administration/Transportation	\$560,764	\$607,333	\$46,569
Instructional Supervision	\$1,983,343	\$2,152,704	\$169,361
Employee Benefits	\$1,531,281	\$1,638,593	\$107,312
TOTAL	\$5,757,936	\$6,205,746	\$447,810
CAPITAL 14.8%			
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.			
	BUDGET 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24	BUDGET CHANGES
Operations	\$2,059,597	\$2,234,432	\$174,835
Maintenance	\$731,032	\$709,530	(\$21,502)
Employee Benefits	\$834,112	\$892,567	\$58,455
Debt Service	\$5,290,782	\$4,790,625	(\$500,157)
TOTAL	\$8,915,523	\$8,627,154	(\$288,369)
TOTAL: GENERAL FUND	\$55,823,530	\$58,145,135	\$2,321,605

The proposed budget represents a **2.45%** increase in the tax levy despite the impact of inflation. The restoration of NYS Foundation Aid will help offset inflation increases affecting utilities, health insurance costs, contracted services, and supplies for this budget cycle; additionally, lowering our reliance on the use of reserve funds to balance our budget. Due to successful fiscal planning, a large portion of the high school roof will be completed without needing additional funds from taxpayers.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

REVENUES..... \$58,145,135

Real Property Tax Levy 69.3%..... \$40,300,000
The local share of revenue below the tax cap needed to support the budget.

State and Federal Sources 26.9% ... \$15,659,976
Anticipated State Aid.

Interfund Transfers 2.7%..... \$1,550,159
Transfers in from debt service fund to reduce annual debt and allow for funding of the roof replacement at the High School.

Local Non-Tax Sources 1.1%.....\$635,000
Revenues from sources such as charges for services from outside groups, out-of-district tuition, sales tax, and interest on investments.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

EXPENDITURES \$58,145,135

Instruction 53.5% \$31,083,650
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 22.9%.....\$13,321,895
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 6.2% \$3,583,211
Reflects in-district and out-of-district home-to-school transportation, salaries, materials, and fuel.

Facilities and Maintenance 4.8%\$2,838,825
District-wide upkeep of buildings and grounds.

General Support 4.2%.....\$2,436,929
Covers the cost of central administration, finance and treasurer, personnel, public relations, and legal expenses.

Debt Service and Interfund Transfers 8.4%.....\$4,880,625
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.

2023-2024: High School roof replacement will begin and will generate 66% in state building aid.

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2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Congratulations to the Class of 2023 Valedictorian Michael Fitzmaurice and Salutatorian Spencer Brown.

PVMS is a candidate school for the IB Middle Years Programme

Building on the student engagement and success of the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum at the high school, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) is coming to PVMS. Students learn best when their learning experiences have context and are connected to their lives and their interactions with the world around them. The MYP develops students' confidence in managing their own learning and making connections between their learning in the classroom and the real world. Keep an eye out for another parent evening in early fall to learn more!



SAVE THE DATE

PVES Family Math Game Night!

Wednesday, May 17,
6:30 to 7:30 PM

*Strong math thinking, number strategies, and fun!
Dessert treats will be served!*

PVHS TheatreWorks Concludes 22nd Spring Musical

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of *Something Rotten*.

We welcome the entire PV community to join us for our fall dramas and spring musicals. Be sure to check our website for upcoming performances and join us in our beautiful Performing Arts Center. Our students build the sets, work the lighting and sound, manage the stage and crew and often go on to college and careers building on this amazing experience. Come out and enjoy the talent!



We love inviting our families to join in the learning and celebrations in our buildings.



CAN YOU SHARE SOME OF YOUR TIME?



Reach out to our amazing volunteer organizations: Education Foundation at pvefny@gmail.com; Putnam Valley PTA at putnamvalleypta@gmail.com; Putnam Valley Booster Club at putnamvalleyboosterclub@gmail.com; Putnam Valley PTSA at putnamvalleyptsa@gmail.com.
It takes a Valley!

Mark your calendars for the Annual PVEF Casino Night on June 10 at Putnam County Golf Course.

Pictured below students enjoy time in our Wellness Center as they continue the tradition and spirit of MAGMAH, with our high school students coaching our younger students. This program was created by Putnam Valley High School students nearly 10 years ago.



When we have opportunities to get our older students together with our younger students, we see the love for learning and the love for community come to life.



Congratulations to our fourth-grade scientists who presented their research projects to the Board of Education and a big thank you to their high school student mentors. Our young scientists make us so proud! (see more pictures on PVCSD Facebook page)



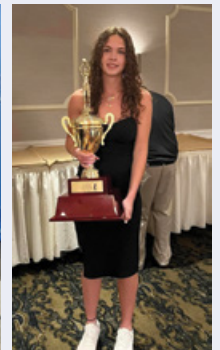
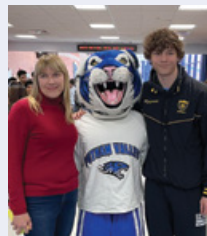
Tiger Pride Alert

Athletic Hall of Fame will celebrate honorees at the inaugural Putnam Valley Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on June 12, 2023

alongside our first annual Varsity Athletics Award Ceremony. The Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the success and maintains the heritage and tradition of the athletes, coaches, contributors, and athletic programs that have had an impact on our schools and community.



We are thrilled to announce our very first inductees: The 2005 State Championship Field Hockey Team and Mr. Tommy Hirsch. Please visit our website for more information: pvcsd.org/index.php/athletics/#



Several of our student-athletes represented PVCSD at the state level this winter. We are PV PROUD! #swim #cheer #basketball #girlsandboyswrestling. Congratulations Eva DeChent NYSSWA Player of the Year for the 2nd year in a row.





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Vote Information

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If needed, absentee ballots are still available at the District office through Monday, May 15, 3 PM. Absentee ballots must be received by Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5 PM.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

All registered voters may vote for one of two candidates. Candidates that are seeking a three-year term are Joseph Ferraro and Crystal Hernandez.

Number of registered voters: 7,600 Average voter turnout: 850

Ballot Information:

- Proposition#1:** Putnam Valley School District Budget
- Proposition#2:** Renewing the District's Bus Borrowing Plan (for future use, only if needed)
- Board of Education Trustee seat** (vote for one) AND
- Proposition#3:** Putnam Valley Public Library Budget (separate and apart from PV School Budget)

What happens if the school 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* see page 2) 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 \$965,141 for the 2023-24 school year and would compound required reductions for subsequent years.

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