



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

2014-2015 Special School Budget Issue

Putnam Valley CSD Proposes 2014-2015 Budget Tax Levy Increase Falls Below Tax Cap At 0.76%

- Funds a science research program at the High School
- Includes staff development for teaching the Common Core
- Restructures administrative positions to enhance instruction
- Provides a student support specialist at the High School
- Restores Driver Education Program with no impact on budget
- Enhances Elementary School security by funding a patrol officer
- Funds a second foreign language at the High School
- Eliminates 3.0 teaching positions due to enrollment changes
- Includes online courses at High School
- Replaces geothermal manifold at Middle School
- Replaces sewage ejection system at High School and Middle School



Budget at a Glance

Total Budget	\$48,155,147
Budget-to-budget Decrease	- \$470,579
Percentage Budget Change	- 0.97

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Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Putnam Valley Elementary School, 171 Oscawana Lake Road
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A Letter to the Community

In Putnam Valley, we embrace the challenge of educating students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens in a diverse global society. At the same time, we are mindful of the need to hold the line on taxes.

To these ends, we have proposed a fiscally conservative budget that places the child first and foremost, and moves Putnam Valley's educational program forward. With input from students, parents, senior citizens, teachers and others, we have developed a budget that reduces spending by more than \$470,000 while enhancing educational offerings.

The proposed \$48.1 million budget for 2014-2015 calls for adding .2 math positions to the Middle School and reducing 3.2 teaching positions in response to shifting enrollment, adding an authentic science research program at the High School, adding a student support specialist to the High School, restoring a second foreign language offering at the High School, enhancing professional development to assist with implementation of the Common Core curriculum, adding a safety patrol officer at the Elementary School and piloting online learning experiences for high school students.

By reconfiguring administrative responsibilities, the District will be able to target spending to student success. The plan calls for replacing the director of pupil personnel with an assistant superintendent for human resources and pupil personnel; replacing the assistant superintendent for business with a treasurer; replacing the senior account clerk and tax collector with an accountant; and replacing the position of transportation, operations and maintenance supervisor with a director of operations, transportation and technology. The end result will be an administrative team with a greater focus on educational initiatives and instruction.

As a result of declining enrollment, the proposed budget calls for reducing teaching staff by 3.0 full-time equivalent positions, with a savings of \$410,000. The reductions would be as follows: 2 retirements; .2 high school social studies; .4 elementary physical education; .2 elementary music; .2 elementary art; and .2 elementary technology. At the Middle School, a .2 math position is being added to ensure appropriate class size and academic support.

In order to ensure the proper maintenance of school facilities, the proposed budget also includes two capital projects: the replacement of the geothermal manifold at the Middle School, and the replacement of the Middle School and High School sewage ejection pumping systems. The cost for these projects will be offset by monies from the debt service fund.

We believe the proposed 2014-2015 budget maximizes our programs and reflects the priorities of the community.

Putnam Valley Board of Education

Celebrating Success

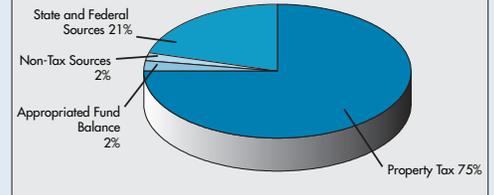
- One hundred and eighty-one students were inducted into honor societies for music, math, science, English and foreign language.
- One hundred and thirteen Putnam Valley CSD students participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival.
- Ten PVHS seniors exhibited their artwork at the Katonah Art Museum.
- Nine fall/winter sports teams were designated as Scholar-Athlete teams, which requires a team average of 90% or better.
- Putnam Valley CSD was named a "Best Community for Music Education" for the seventh year in a row.
- Putnam Valley CSD students supported their community by collecting for the food pantry, hosting a dinner and show for 250 senior citizens, conducting a blood drive, organizing a sneaker drive and a backpack drive, holding "Support Our Troops" drives, hosting a soccer program for special needs children and participating in Swim for A Cure and Relay for Life.
- The PVHS Mock Trial team won the county championship.
- The wrestling team won its first Section title.
- Fifty-three third and fourth graders participated in a production of *101 Dalmatians*.
- Seventy-five third and fourth graders participated in the science fair
- Section 1 Coach of the Year awarded to Mr. Carano for wrestling and Mr. Glenn for boys' soccer.
- PVHS junior Jacy Marshall received the Scholastic Award for writing. Notable past recipients of this award include Andy Warhol, Ken Burns, Stephen King and Truman Capote.
- PVHS students Blendi Muriqi, Lucas Fishbein and Dan Munson are finalists in the NY Young Entrepreneur Challenge for their creation of Volunteer Access.com.

Proposed 2014-2015 Budget

EXPENDITURES	REVISED 2013-14	PROPOSED 2014-15	Change
ADMINISTRATION			
Board of Education	30,995	45,367	14,372
Central Administration	354,449	365,219	10,770
Finance	585,682	566,661	(19,021)
Legal Services, Personnel, Public Information	153,962	208,176	54,214
Property & Liability Insurance, BOCES Administration	483,183	485,287	2,104
Regular School Supervision	1,644,914	1,722,901	77,987
Special Education Supervision	144,828	238,362	93,534
Computer Education	50,335	28,000	(22,335)
Pupil Services	170,704	95,603	(75,101)
Employee Benefits	1,049,974	1,059,878	9,904
TOTAL	4,669,026	4,815,454	146,428
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS			
Inservice Training	93,839	113,839	20,000
Teaching: Regular School	13,040,734	13,127,096	86,362
Special Education	7,107,440	7,096,871	(10,569)
School Libraries	213,563	208,230	(5,333)
Computer Education	909,839	845,893	(63,946)
Pupil Services	2,160,075	2,477,947	317,872
Pupil Transportation	2,736,537	2,813,069	76,532
Employee Benefits	10,340,568	10,522,736	182,168
TOTAL	36,602,595	37,205,681	603,086
CAPITAL			
Operations & Maintenance of Schools	2,277,825	2,379,070	101,245
Tax Refunds	50,000	72,900	22,900
Employee Benefits	635,479	645,886	10,407
Debt Service	2,557,831	2,397,288	(160,543)
Interfund Transfers	1,832,970	638,868	(1,194,102)
TOTAL	7,354,105	6,134,012	(1,220,093)
TOTAL: GENERAL FUND	\$48,625,726	\$48,155,147	(470,579)

Where the Money Comes From

\$48,155,147
Revenues



Real Property Tax Levy \$36,125,964

75% of budget revenue comes from property taxes. This is an increase of 0.76% over last year.

Local non-tax sources \$1,012,300

Additional revenue comes from rental of the performing arts center, fees for summer camp, tuition for out-of-district students, sales tax and interest earnings from investments.

State and Federal Sources \$9,837,815

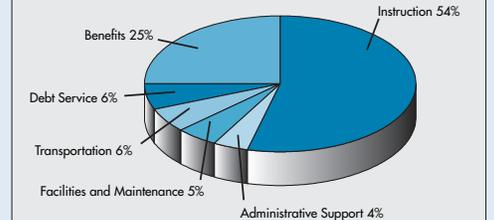
The anticipated aid represents an increase of 6.97% or \$641,373 over last year.

Appropriated Fund Balance \$1,179,068

This includes a \$750,000 appropriated fund balance, \$165,000 appropriation of reserve for retirement contribution, and \$264,068 advances from other funds, which offsets a transfer to the capital fund for accounting purposes.

Where the Money Goes

\$48,155,147
Expenditures



Instruction \$25,954,742

This includes costs for teachers, instructional media, pupil services, instructional improvement and special apportionment programs.

Transportation \$2,813,069

This reflects the cost of in-district and out-of-district transportation as required by law.

Debt Service & Interfund Transfers \$3,036,156

This includes payments of principal and interest on money borrowed for capital projects.

Benefits \$12,228,500

Includes mandated costs for retirement, social security, Medicare, Health and Welfare and other related insurance costs.

Administrative Support \$1,743,610

Facilities & Maintenance \$2,379,070

Did You Know?

- Putnam Valley CSD will save \$257,670 by refinancing bonds for previous capital projects.
- The Town of Putnam Valley did work on athletic fields for the District at no cost.
- The District spent \$0 on heating oil for the middle and high schools thanks to the geothermal system.
- The District will save \$216,716 over five years by purchasing laptops through PNW BOCES.
- Putnam Valley CSD shares services with other public entities for transportation, fuel oil and the purchasing of supplies and materials in order to decrease costs.





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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Adopted Budget for the 2013/2014 School Year	Proposed Budget for the 2014/2015 School Year	Contingent Budget for the 2014/2015 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$48,625,726	\$48,155,147	\$47,573,197
Increase/Decrease for the 2014 -15 School Year		\$ - 470,579	\$ -1,052,529
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		- .97 %	-1.21 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.46%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$ 35,853,814	\$ 36,125,964	\$ 35,853,814
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 1,969,907	\$ 1,353,787	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$ 33,883,907	\$ 34,772,177	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 35,888,814	\$ 36,162,507	
Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ -2,004,907	\$ -1,390,330	
Administrative Component	\$ 4,669,026	\$ 4,815,454	\$ 4,721,929
Program Component	\$ 36,602,595	\$ 37,205,681	\$ 37,064,156
Capital Component	\$ 7,354,105	\$ 6,134,012	\$ 5,787,112

*Pursuant to Section 2023 of The Education Law, a contingent budget would require budget reductions which may result in staff decreases, reductions in programs and /or increases in class sizes. A contingent budget will not include the replacement of the geothermal manifold at the Middle School, the replacement of the sewage ejection pumping systems at the Middle and High School or the purchase of new equipment or unreimbursed use of District facilities by outside groups.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2014/2015 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$5,364,078
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2014-2015 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 20, 2014 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in Putnam Valley Elementary School, 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.

For additional questions, call 845-528-8143 ext.1367 or email web@pvcsd.org