

SPOTLIGHT

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Dear Putnam Valley Community,
The Putnam Valley Board of Education has adopted the proposed 2011-2012 school budget. On May 17, the voters will cast ballots on the budget and two open Board of Education trustee seats.

As we are all aware, our community, the state and the nation are facing extremely difficult economic times. The challenges facing our community with respect to the 2011-2012 school budget are monumental in scope. How do we ensure all of our children get a quality education that will maximize their potential within the severe financial constraints we face? Not only are we dealing with the worst economy in recent history, but we are also faced with decreased state and federal financial aid and increased costs of state and federal mandates. Unfunded mandates cost this District approximately \$10,000,000 per year. This Board continues to work with other school boards to inform our state representatives in Albany that this cannot continue!

During this budget process, we worked with our Superintendent, administrative staff and our Budget Advisory Committee, which is comprised of community members, Putnam Valley staff and parents, to formulate our 2011-2012 school budget. Our administrative staff worked long and hard on reductions in staff that had the least impact on our students' education. This was not an easy task! Our Budget Advisory Committee volunteered many hours to give us well-researched and informed recommendations; these included: extending our kindergarten program to full-day, reducing other programs such as Advanced Placement courses and electives due to low enrollment, a formal sports booster club, a tax levy under 2% and use of some fund balance to lower the tax levy.

In our present budget, expenditures for materials and supplies have been frozen once again for the seventh year in a row; all other budget line items have been frozen for the last four years exclusive of salaries and benefits. This is a reduction in expenditures of about \$287,000. Twelve staff positions were cut, amounting in approximately a \$1,200,000 reduction in spending. We also used \$925,000 from the fund balance to help bring our tax levy to 1.33%.

Over many months, several business meetings and work sessions, we reviewed a significant amount of information. We are extremely appreciative of all who gave us their input, whether it was at a Board meeting, in an e-mail or a phone call.

Please know that this Board worked very hard to achieve the delicate balance between giving our students a quality education while being fiscally responsible to the community who pays for this education.

We believe that this proposed budget would permit our children to maximize their education while keeping in mind the fiscal needs of this community. We look forward to your coming out to **VOTE on MAY 17 from 6 am to 9 pm at the Putnam Valley Elementary School.**

Sincerely,
The Putnam Valley Board of Education

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*Class of 2010
College Acceptances*

Adelphi University
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 Arcadia University
 Baran Institute of Technology
 Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
 Boston Conservatory
 Boston University
 Bryant University
 California University of Pennsylvania
 Castleton State College
 Cazenovia College
 Central Connecticut State University
 Clarion University of Pennsylvania
 Clarkson University
 Coastal Carolina University
 College of Mount Saint Vincent
 College of New Rochelle
 College of Saint Rose
 Columbia College
 Concordia College
 Cornell University
 Culinary Institute of America
 Dean College
 DeVry Institute of Technology
 Dominican College
 Drexel University
 Dutchess Community College
 East Stroudsburg University
 Eastern Connecticut State University
 Eckerd College
 Elmira College
 Elon University
 Fairfield University
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Finlandia University
 Fitchburg State College
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Fordham University
 Franklin Pierce University
 Fulton-Montgomery Community College
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Hardin-Simmons University
 Hartwick College
 Herkimer County Community College
 High Point University
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Hofstra University
 Iona College
 Ithaca College
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice
 Johnson & Wales University
 Kean University
 Keene State College
 King's College
 Le Moyne College
 Lehman College
 Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
 Lynn University
 Manhattan College
 Manhattanville College

2010-2011 Board of Education and District Goals

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- New state cut scores - ensure that all students get the support they need to meet the standard in the current school year.
Progress to date: Supportive services provided to students.
- Determine how to implement a minimum of two foreign languages (by February 2011).
Progress to date: Survey implemented, continue to explore implementing a second foreign language.
- Continue to compile data on our graduates as to their successes in their subsequent education and life choices (on-going).
- Continue to assess technology integration K-12 (on-going).
- Establish articulated benchmarks for writing K-12 (Feb 2011).
Progress to date: Kindergarten through Grade 12 Writing benchmarks established and implemented.
- Complete a comprehensive review of higher-level programs (Dec 2010).
Progress to date: Completed.

Communication

- Develop a plan to communicate and live the beliefs, vision, mission, and goals.
- Develop a comprehensive communication plan: website, email, going paperless, conversion to electronic communication with parents and the whole district, 100% by 2012; and to improve communication between school and home.
Progress to date: All in process.

Environment

- Construction of bus garage
- Update 5-year plan, turf maintenance
- The District shall continue to move towards a more ecologically friendly environment that meets or exceeds all state requirements.
Progress to date: All Completed

Financial Planning

- Full-day kindergarten - examine by December 2010 the academic and financial (facilities) implications of a full-day kindergarten.
- A budget will be developed that will permit us to maximize our programs and will be supported by the community. The community will be encouraged to actively participate in the entire budget development process through the continuation of the Budget Advisory Committee.
- Explore consolidation of financial services by March 2011.
- Explore other revenue opportunities, inclusive of grants.
Progress to date: All Completed.

Human Resources

- Revise the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) evaluative process for all teachers and principals to reflect the new state regulations.
- Examine the District leadership structure by December 2010; and
- Develop a practice to plan for succession of administrators.
Progress to date: All in process.

**Putnam Valley CSD
Budget Summary**

	Adjusted 2010-11	Proposed 2011-12	Change
Instructional Services			
School Administration & Curriculum Development	1,730,916	1,753,150	22,234
Regular School Programs	12,597,527	13,084,067	486,540
Programs for Students with Disabilities	6,484,746	6,604,071	119,325
Instructional Media	1,494,012	1,311,295	(182,717)
Guidance	505,711	531,957	26,246
Health / Psychological / Pupil Services	838,778	782,782	(55,996)
Clubs & After School Activities	212,748	212,748	0
Interscholastic Athletics	814,832	792,067	(22,765)
Total Instructional Services	24,679,270	25,072,137	392,867
Administrative Support Services	1,864,640	1,740,543	(124,097)
Facilities & Maintenance	2,384,713	2,366,459	(18,254)
Transportation Services			
District Operated Transportation	1,446,163	1,426,104	(20,059)
Contract Transportation	1,155,654	1,172,989	17,335
Total Transportation Services	2,601,817	2,599,093	(2,724)
Interfund Transfers: Debt Service & Special Aid	2,847,671	2,853,609	5,938
Benefits	9,482,598	10,264,671	782,073
Total Expenditures	43,860,709	44,896,512	1,035,803
Less Non-Tax Revenues	10,075,430	10,662,328	586,898
Equals Tax Levy	33,785,279	34,234,184	448,905
Tax Levy Increase		1.33%	

*Class of 2010
College Acceptances*

- Mercy College
- Mitchell College
- Mohawk Valley Community College
- Montclair State University
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Mount Saint Mary's University
- New England College
- New York University
- Newbury College
- Norwich University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pace University, Pleasantville-Briarcliff
- Pennsylvania State University
- Plattsburgh State University
- Plymouth State University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rider University
- Roanoke College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Salisbury University
- Salve Regina University
- School of Visual Arts
- Siena College
- Skidmore College
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Southern Vermont College
- Spring Hill College
- Springfield College
- St. John's University
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Stonehill College
- Suffolk University
- Sullivan County Community College
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Binghamton
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo
- SUNY Cobleskill
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Delhi
- SUNY Fredonia
- SUNY Geneseo
- SUNY New Paltz
- SUNY Old Westbury
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Potsdam
- SUNY Stony Brook
- Tompkins Cortland Community College
- Tulane University
- Union College
- University of Central Florida
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware

Putnam Valley Students Acquire Over 500 Hours of Community Service

Two years ago, Putnam Valley High School instituted a new community service component to its graduation requirements. Our Board of Education unanimously approved the requirement of 40 community service hours for all of our graduating students beginning with the graduating class of 2014 (30 community service hours for the graduating class of 2013). Since that time, our students have embraced this new graduation challenge with three of our students acquiring over 500 hours each.

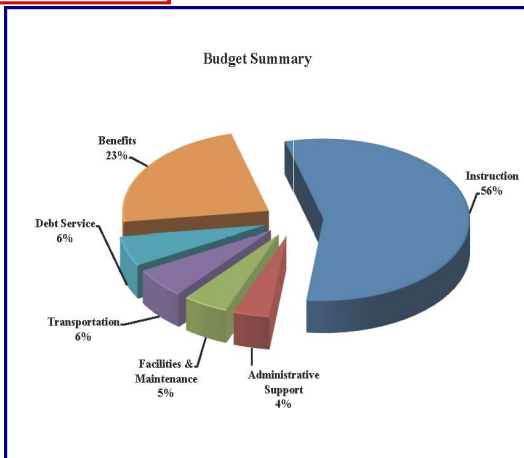


Emily Gifford-Smith (class of 2013) has received 625 hours of community service by volunteering the past 3 summers at YMCA Camp Combe, working with the Girl Scouts on the Town Day 5K Food Pantry Fun Run and assisting in the 2009 PVPTA Science Fair. Working with very young children, Emily has been a positive role model as well as a terrific support person for the children to emulate and go to as a volunteer in all of these areas.

Evan Ramos (class of 2013) has earned 541 community service hours volunteering at YMCA Camp Combe as a counselor in training as well as assisting on our junior varsity basketball team. His volunteer work at Camp Combe has allowed the camp counselors to utilize his skills in assisting the youngsters during their arts and crafts lessons as well as team building exercises.

Samuel Schechter, a current 10th grader and a member of the **class of 2014**, has also volunteered at YMCA Camp Combe for the past two summers as well as participating in our jazz band and varsity track team garnering 543 community service hours. Samuel has been a real volunteer asset to Camp Combe assisting wherever he can in helping the youngsters he deals with enjoy the rigors and challenges of that summer camp.

Congratulations Emily, Evan and Samuel on your community minded volunteer endeavors!





*Putnam Valley
Central School District*

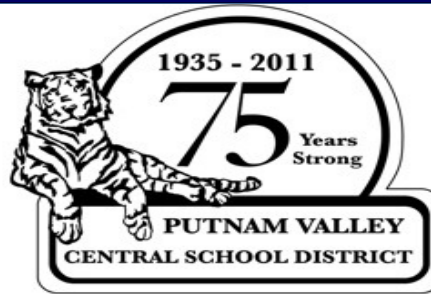
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Please don't forget to
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on
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
from 6 am to 9 pm



Come Join Us!
Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 8 am to 9 pm
For more info, visit www.pvcsd.org/anniversary

Voting Info and Dates to Remember

The May 17th Budget and Board of Education Vote will take place in the Elementary School cafeteria from 6 am to 9 pm. For the convenience of voters, parking spots will be available directly outside of the Elementary School cafeteria. The polls will be open from 6 am to 9 pm.

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.

Absentee Ballots are available at the District Office until May 16 (in person).

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 2010 College Acceptances

University of Hartford
University of Maryland
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of Rhode Island
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
Utica College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
West Virginia University
Westchester Community College
Western Connecticut State
University
Western New England College
Westfield State College
Xavier University of Louisiana
York College of Pennsylvania

*375
College Acceptances
as of
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