



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

2016 - 2017 Special School Budget Issue

2016 - 2017 Proposed Budget Includes Tax Levy Decrease

- » District stays below the tax cap allowing STAR eligible homeowners to receive their tax rebate.
- » Over the course of two years, the tax levy will have decreased \$281,000.

Proposed Initiatives & Repurposing of Staff in the District

- » Add instructional support for math at the Elementary School.
- » Add one ENL (English as a New Language) teacher at the Middle School and replace ELA and math academic services where needed.
- » The High School will offer additional classes in Science and Technology (STEM), French III, and physical education electives. A full-time teacher will be added for a Student Achievement Center and assistant coaches for boys/girls varsity basketball will be restored.
- » District-wide, there will be an allowance for additional administrative special education support and an additional full-time teacher in case of increased enrollment.

Proposed Savings

- » NYS contribution rates for employee pension funds reduced
- » Retirements and reallocation of certified staff
- » Lower spending in the overall 2015-16 budget



Please Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Putnam Valley Elementary School, 171 Oscawana Lake Road

6 AM to 9 PM

A Letter to the Community

As we continue our quest to provide outstanding educational opportunities for our students that will enhance their potential for future success, we also strive to maintain a prudent budget plan sensitive to the fiscal concerns of our residents. To that end, after obtaining input from the Citizens' Advisory Committee, community members, staff and students, we are presenting a budget of \$47,943,262 representing a **decrease of \$32,657 (-0.7%)**. With the application of appropriate reserves and additional state aid, and reduction of expenditures, there will be a **decrease in the tax levy of \$100,000**. This will be the second year of budget and tax levy reductions. Over the past two years, we will have reduced the tax levy by \$281,000. Additionally, because the District complies with the mandated tax cap, residents who are STAR eligible will receive the NYS tax rebate if they meet the additional income requirements.

With decreases in expenditures reflected in most areas of the budget, and by applying savings from retirements and staffing changes, we are able to provide additional resources for student learning. The increase in the instructional component of the budget is primarily contractually determined, includes contingent funds to support leave replacements and accounts for additional staffing should enrollments increase beyond projections.

Academic initiatives for 2016-17 embrace educational strategies that provide support and enrichment. In some instances, federal grants are utilized for this purpose. For example, the District proposes the use of a federal grant to keep our focus on reading as the key component of student achievement and future success.

At the High School, the proposed budget supports a Student Achievement Center to offer academic assistance throughout the day to all students, while restoring additional sections of computer science and technology, a .2 FTE (*Full Teacher Equivalent, .2 = teaching one period a day*) to provide French III and a .2 FTE in physical education to increase electives for students (one of which will lead to certificates in first aid and CPR) and assistant coaches for varsity boys and girls basketball teams. At the Middle School, the District seeks to maintain and strengthen ELA and math academic lab support. An additional English as a New Language (ENL formerly ESL) teacher is also required to provide appropriate language training and comply with new regulations. A .1 FTE in math will offer instructional support at the Elementary School. Finally, district-wide, a .2 FTE is planned to support the administration of the Special Education program.

The Putnam Valley School District continues to support educational and future advancement for all students while remaining committed to fiscal accountability to school district residents.

Putnam Valley Board of Education

Celebrating Our Students, Staff and Community

- Alex Craven and Jadyne Marshall are named National Merit Commended students.
- Honor societies for music, math, science, English and foreign language inducted over 150 new members and 45 more were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Five elementary school students were named winners of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust poetry contest.
- Tri-M Music Honor Society held the "Gratitude Festival", a celebration of giving thanks through poetry and music, at the Tompkins Cultural Center.
- PVCS (Gr 3-12) shared theatrical performances of *Annie*, *Fame*, *Death of a Salesman* and *Me and My Girl*.
- Maker/STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) Space is up and running at the Elementary School and High School. Plans to expand to the Middle School are in progress. This is hands-on-learning, which increases student engagement and achievement.
- PVHS Valedictorian Jadyne Marshall will be attending the CUNY Macaulay's Honors College at Hunter College, and Salutatorian Stephanie Wagner will be attending Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.
- Science research students continue their work on exciting topics. Sophomore Wayne DeRosa is currently researching the effect of magnetism to stop shark attacks with *Shark Week's* Dr. Craig O'Connell.
- Rose Johnson, in our Athletic Department, was recognized by the Athletic Administrators Association as Administrative Assistant of the Year.
- VolunteerAccess.com, created by PVHS Class of 2014 alumni, is now being used by PVHS and other Westchester and Putnam high schools to record community service hours performed by students.
- Community service continues to be a focus for students and staff. PVCS supported our community by hosting three blood drives, holding food drives for the PV Food Pantry, toy drives during the holidays and a "Support Our Troops" drive in the spring. High School students direct a soccer program for special needs children and our athletic teams and clubs continue to bring awareness to alcohol and drug abuse, cancer and other worthy causes. All graduates are required to complete 40 hours of service, and each year, graduating seniors are recognized for completing as many as 1000 hours of community service.
- Five wrestlers advanced to state competition by winning section titles and our cheerleading team won their section championship and placed 6th in the first NYS competition.
- PVHS senior trumpeter Sam Alper was accepted into the All State Symphonic Band.
- PVHS senior Anders Spittal was named to the Section 1 Court of Excellence for Scholar Athletes.
- Make A Difference Club chooses Drug Crisis in Our Backyard as their charity and wins recognition as a Charity Champion from Optimum.
- As a sophomore, Science Research student Leeza Tarrant, took 3rd place in the biochemistry division of the Westlake High School science competition.
- "There's an App for that!" Search your app store to download the Putnam Valley CSD App and connect with our schools right from your phone.

Proposed 2016 - 2017 Budget

	Actual Budget 2015-16	Proposed Budget 2016-17	Budget Changes
EXPENDITURES			
ADMINISTRATION			
Board of Education	49,970	61,812	11,842
Central Administration	377,008	396,653	19,645
Finance	551,874	596,270	44,396
Legal Services, Personnel, Public Information	232,773	323,816	91,043
Property & Liability Insurance, BOCES Administration	633,623	499,276	-134,347
Regular School Supervision	1,779,532	1,779,401	-131
Special Education Supervision	241,250	160,133	-81,117
Computer Education	40,000	136,666	96,666
Pupil Services	96,803	177,965	81,162
Pupil Transportation	0	45,250	45,250
Employee Benefits	995,922	823,175	-172,747
TOTAL	4,998,755	5,000,417	1,662
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS			
Inservice Training	175,360	211,860	36,500
Teaching-Regular School	13,473,694	14,028,887	555,193
Special Education	7,389,427	7,436,536	47,109
School Libraries	197,261	193,086	-4,175
Computer Education	924,891	964,922	40,031
Pupil Services	2,597,312	2,555,642	-41,670
Pupil Transportation	2,724,726	2,708,246	-16,480
Employee Benefits	10,056,589	9,854,445	-202,144
TOTAL	37,539,260	37,953,624	414,364
CAPITAL			
Operations & Maintenance	2,439,162	2,370,463	-68,699
Tax Refunds	50,000	75,000	25,000
Employee Benefits	624,407	761,374	136,967
Pupil Transportation	88,000	0	-88,000
Interfund Transfers & Debt Service	2,236,335	1,782,384	-453,951
TOTAL	5,437,904	4,989,221	-448,683
TOTAL: GENERAL FUND	47,975,919	47,943,262	-32,657

DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET		2016 - 2017
Source:	Fund Balance	\$458,041
	Transfers in from General Fund	\$1,697,384
	Expenditures from Debt Service Payments	[\$2,155,425]
This represents the District's debt payments being partially funded by the Debt Service Fund.		



DID YOU KNOW?

- ↪ Our STEM classes have 3D printers.
- ↪ Our custodians/groundskeepers maintain over 76 acres of land and over 247,000 square feet of building space.
- ↪ You can vote by absentee ballot if you are out of Putnam Valley on May 17. Visit PVCSD.org for details.
- ↪ Girls and boys basketball won league titles and advanced to compete at the Westchester County Center.
- ↪ You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter and on our mobile app at Putnam Valley CSD.



Where the Money Comes From

Revenues \$47,943,262

Real Property Tax Levy \$35,844,964

75% of the revenue in the budget is derived from property taxes. The total tax levy will **decrease** -0.28% (\$100,000).

State and Federal Sources \$10,049,681

21% of the revenue is from anticipated State Aid. This represents a **decrease** of -1.43% (\$145,642). NYS has ended the Gap Elimination Adjustment, but not to its original withholding.

Appropriated Fund Balance \$1,493,617

3% of the revenue includes \$688,617 from appropriated fund balance, \$330,000 from the employees retirement reserve, \$350,000 from the Liability Reserve and \$125,000 from the Tax Certiorari Reserve. The District is utilizing additional reserves to meet revenue needs and avoid raising taxes.

Local Non-Tax Sources \$555,000

1% of the revenue comes from sources such as charges for services from outside groups, tuition for out-of-district students, sales tax, and interest on investments. This is a **decrease** of 33% (286,000).

Where the Money Goes

Expenditures \$47,943,262

Instruction \$27,645,098

57.5% of the expenditures includes teacher salaries, instructional materials & supplies, library & media, Computer Assisted Instruction, Special Education Services, Pupil Personnel, BOCES Services, Health Services & Athletics. (17 different sports)

Employee Benefits \$11,438,994

23.8% of the expenditures. Includes mandated costs for Social Security, Medicare, retirement, health and other related insurance costs.

Transportation \$2,753,496

6% of expenditures. Reflects the cost of home-to-school transportation, required by law, salaries and materials for in-district Transportation employees and fuel.

Facilities and Maintenance \$2,370,463

5% of expenditures. Used for district wide upkeep of buildings and grounds.

Administrative Support \$1,952,827

4% of expenditures. Covers the cost of central administration, finance and treasurer, personnel, public relations and legal expenses.

Debt Service and Interfund Transfers \$1,782,384

3.7% of expenditures. Used to pay principal and interest on capital projects and unaided portion of Extended School Year Program. The Debt Service Fund is also used to supplement the debt payment.



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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2016-17 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$47,975,919	\$47,943,262	\$48,043,262
Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 School Year		\$(32,657)	\$67,343
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		(0.07) %	0.14 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		0.12 %	

A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$35,944,964	\$35,844,964	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$35,944,964	\$35,844,964	\$35,944,964
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,085,793	\$1,171,461	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$37,030,757	\$37,016,425	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$34,859,171	\$34,673,503	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$2,171,586	\$2,342,922	

Administrative Component	\$4,998,755	\$5,000,417	\$5,000,417
Program Component	\$37,539,260	\$37,953,624	\$37,953,624
Capital Component	\$5,437,904	\$4,989,221	\$5,089,221

* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, the Board could adopt a contingent budget without an additional vote. The contingent budget could result in a tax levy higher than the proposed budget. A contingent budget would eliminate any non-contingent expenses and would only allow the use of District facilities by outside groups if there were no cost to the District.

	Description	Amount
** 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)	NONE	

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ \$1,513

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016 - 2017 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 17, 2016 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.