

## Pelham Public Schools

## 2023-24 Proposed School Budget











# 2023-24 Budget Goal

Effectively execute our oversight responsibilities as stewards of the district's finances by developing and consistently communicating our plans for a responsible district budget, current reserve balances, and long-term facilities plan.



# History of Program Growth

- Each year, the District seeks to create opportunities to meet both student need and community expectation through the budget
- Dating back to the last Strategic Plan, the District has undergone a significant period of programmatic growth
- Areas of growth include academic programs, student academic and wellness supports, ENL, Special Education, student activities, and general oversight and support
- New programming has been designed to enrich offerings and enhance our students' experience
- The resulting recurring staffing costs are not necessarily correlated to overall student enrollment



## Strategic Academic Growth

- Foreign Language Elementary School (FLES)
- World Language in Gr. 6
- Mandarin in Gr. 6–12
- Elementary Intervention teachers
- Elementary Integrated Co-Teach
- Enrichment and Support Classes and Services at PMS
- New PMHS Courses: Characters & Conundrums, Dramatic Literature, Humanities Research, Data Science, Introduction to Engineering, AP Computer Science Principles, Applied Arts



## Examples of Strategic Growth





Technology Integration Staff Developer

**FLES** 



## Strategic Support Growth

- Additional Elementary Psychologist
- Elementary Counselor
- Secondary Social workers
- New Sports and Clubs
- ENL Coordinator
- Nurse Coordinator
- Security Consultant



# 2023–24 Budget Priorities

- Supporting Student Academics
- Innovating and Building for the Future
- Meeting Special Education and ENL Needs
- Improving Safety & Facilities



**ENL Club** 



### Budget Highlights - Our Core

#### **Supporting Student Academics**

- Maintaining current level of elementary intervention teachers for continued recovery in ELA and Math
- Adding the equivalent of two Middle School teaching positions across subjects to meet growing enrollment
- Hiring an additional PMHS social studies teacher to meet enrollment demands
- Creating additional teaching support for English as a New Language (ENL) program to meet growing need
- Keeping all class sizes at or below BOE guidelines
- Lowering class size where feasible through strategic master scheduling approaches
- Adding an administrative assistant to support curriculum directors





### Budget Highlights - The Explore

- New PMHS Course: Astronomy
- Creating Summer Marching Band Camp for PMHS students
- Expanding innovative and flexible furniture to all 1st grade classrooms
- Maintaining funding for Coordinator of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Funding climate survey to invest in staff belonging and wellbeing
- Hiring a consultant to guide development of 2025-2030 Strategic Plan





### Budget Highlights - Special Education

### **Meeting Student Needs**

- Expanding Integrated Co-Teaching to Kindergarten
- Adding a Special Education teacher to support special class enrollment
- Adding a part-time CSE/504 Chairperson to meet caseload needs (grant funded)
- Continuing to provide a free and appropriate education for all Pelham students



### Budget Highlights - Facilities, Safety & Security

#### **Creating a Safe & Welcoming Environment**

- Maintaining Nurse Coordinator (grant funded)
- Increasing Altaris security consultant to full-time
- Funding state-required building conditions survey
- Drawing down \$2 million in appropriated fund balance to:
  - Replace Middle School rooftop AC units
  - Advance efforts to upgrade playgrounds at Siwanoy & Colonial School



# Capital Projects



MS Rooftop Heating/Cooling Units



Current Siwanoy Playground



# Technology

- Refresh of all grade 5 and 9 student Chromebooks to maintain our K-12 1-to-1 Chromebook initiative
- Refresh of all teacher mobile devices district-wide
- Maintaining all electronic resources to support teaching and learning K-12 as well as support new K-12 NYS Computer Science and Digital Fluency standards
- Ongoing maintenance and support of district-wide infrastructure



## 2023-24 Budget At-a-Glance

- Total Appropriations: \$90,960,000
- Expense Budget-to-Budget Increase: \$6,720,000
- **Proposed Tax Levy Increase:** 2.07%



### Impact on School Taxes

- The amount paid in school tax is a function of the total taxes levied spread across all homestead and non-homestead properties.
- The actual amount your school taxes go up or down will vary based on your assessed value and how much your assessment changes relative to other homes in town.

#### **Estimate Your School Taxes**



Multiply by \$16.89, the projected tax rate

Deduct Basic Star savings of \$1,455 or Enhanced STAR savings of \$3,386, if applicable

### Estimated Effect of School Tax Increase

| Example 1: \$600,000 Home Assessment        |                        |          |          |
|---|------------------------|----------|----------|
| 2022-23 School Taxes (Base Year) = \$10,998 |                        |          |          |
|   | % Change in Assessment |          |          |
|   | 5.00%                  | 9.84%    | 15.00%   |
| Estimated 23-24<br>School Tax               | \$10,642               | \$11,132 | \$11,655 |
| Tax Increase<br>(Decrease)                  | \$(356)                | \$135    | \$658    |
| % Change                                    | -3.24%                 | 1.23%    | 5.98%    |

### Estimated Effect of School Tax Increase

| Example 2: \$1,038,000 Home Assessment      |                        |          |          |
|---|------------------------|----------|----------|
| 2022-23 School Taxes (Base Year) = \$19,026 |                        |          |          |
|   | % Change in Assessment |          |          |
|   | 5.00%                  | 9.84%    | 15.00%   |
| Estimated 23-24<br>School Tax               | \$18,410               | \$19,259 | \$20,163 |
| Tax Increase<br>(Decrease)                  | \$(616)                | \$233    | \$1,137  |
| % Change                                    | -3.24%                 | 1.23%    | 5.98%    |

### Estimated Effect of School Tax Increase

| Example 3: \$1,475,000 Home Assessment      |                        |          |          |
|---|------------------------|----------|----------|
| 2022-23 School Taxes (Base Year) = \$27,036 |                        |          |          |
|   | % Change in Assessment |          |          |
|   | 5.00%                  | 9.84%    | 15.00%   |
| Estimated 23-24<br>School Tax               | \$26,161               | \$27,367 | \$28,652 |
| Tax Increase<br>(Decrease)                  | \$(875)                | \$331    | \$1,616  |
| % Change                                    | -3.24%                 | 1.23%    | 5.98%    |

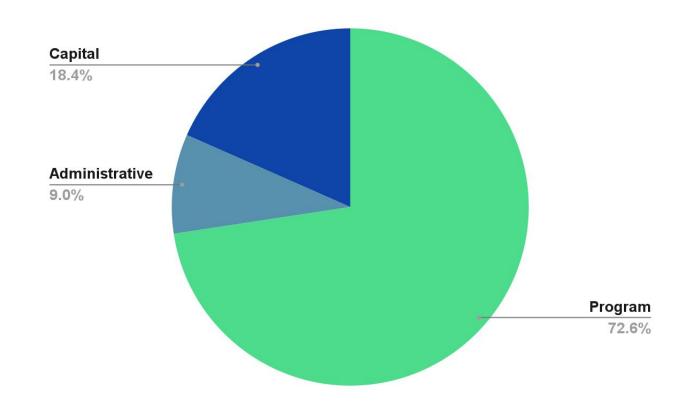


# Revenue Budget

| Category   | % Total<br>Revenue | 2022-23<br>Adopted | 2023-24<br>Proposed | Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Property Taxes                                       | 77.0%              | \$68,581,807       | \$70,002,518        | \$1,420,711            | 2.07%    |
| State Aid  | 14.0%              | 10,582,939         | 12,742,649          | 2,159,710              | 20.4%    |
| Miscellaneous Receipts                               | 3.6%               | 2,300,254          | 3,329,833           | 1,029,579              | 44.8%    |
| ApprFund Balance<br>Prior Year Surplus               | 0.6%               | 820,000            | 560,000             | (260,000)              | 31.7%    |
| ApprFund<br>Balance-One Time<br>Capital Expenditures | 2.2%               | 0                  | 2,000,000           | 2,000,000              | n/a      |
| ApprFund Balance<br>ERS Pension Reserve              | 0.2%               | 0                  | 150,000             | 150,000                | n/a      |
| Appropriation - Debt<br>Service Fund                 | 2.4%               | 1,955,000          | 2,175,000           | 220,000                | 11.3%    |
| Total Revenue  | 100%               | \$84,240,000       | \$90,960,000        | \$6,720,000            | 7.98%    |



### Three Component Expenditures





### Expense Budget

| Category                                  | % Total Expense | 2022-23 Adopted | 2023-24 Proposed | Increase (Decrease) | % Change |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Salaries                                  | 52.5%           | \$45,552,192    | \$47,785,498     | \$2,233,306         | 4.9%     |
| Employee Benefits                         | 21.6%           | 18,775,618      | 19,680,462       | 904,845             | 4.8%     |
| Contractual                               | 7.7%            | 6,131,707       | 6,968,248        | 836,540             | 13.6%    |
| BOCES                                     | 6.0%            | 4,949,711       | 5,407,970        | 458,259             | 9.3%     |
| Interfund Transfer - Debt Service<br>Fund | 7.2%            | 6,538,706       | 6,527,906        | 10,800              | 0.2%     |
| Materials & Supplies                      | 1.1%            | 977,961         | 959,949          | (18,012)            | (1.8)%   |
| Tuition                                   | 0.8%            | 635,000         | 761,923          | 126,923             | 20.0%    |
| Textbooks                                 | 0.3%            | 251,905         | 284,794          | 32,889              | 13.1%    |
| Equipment                                 | 0.4%            | 392,200         | 344,250          | (47,950)            | (12.2)%  |
| Debt Service                              | 0.2%            | 0               | 199,000          | 199,000             | n/a      |
| Interfund Transfers - Capital<br>Fund     | 2.2%            | 0               | 2,000,000        | 2,000,000           | n/a      |
| Interfund Transfers - Special Aid<br>Fund | <1%             | 35,000          | 40,000           | 5,000               | 14.3%    |
| Total Expense                             | 100%            | \$84,240,000    | \$90,960,000     | \$6,720,000         | 7.98%    |



### Summary of Budget to Budget Changes

#### **Revenues & Other Financing Sources**

| State & Federal Aid                               | \$2,159,710 |
|---|-------------|
| Property Taxes                                    | 1,420,711   |
| Miscellaneous Receipts                            | 1,029,579   |
| Appropriation of Prior Year<br>Surplus            | (260,000)   |
| ApprFund Balance-One<br>Time Capital Expenditures | 2,000,000   |
| ApprFund Balance ERS<br>Pension Reserve           | 150,000     |
| Appropriation from Debt<br>Service Fund           | 220,000     |
| Total Increase                                    | \$6,720,000 |

#### **Expenditures**

| Salaries                            | \$2,233,306 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Employee Benefits                   | 904,845     |
| BOCES Services                      | 458,259     |
| Equipment                           | (47,950)    |
| Contractual                         | 836,540     |
| Interfund Transfer - Debt Service   | (10,800)    |
| Interfund Transfer-Capital Fund     | 2,000,000   |
| Interfund Transfer-Special Aid Fund | 5,000       |
| Debt Service                        | 199,000     |
| Textbooks                           | 32,889      |
| Tuition                             | 126,923     |
| Materials & Supplies                | (18,012)    |
| Total Increase                      | \$6,720,000 |



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### May 16 Vote

- On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, voters will be asked to decide on two separate propositions:
  - o Approval of the 2023-24 School Budget
  - Election of 2 candidates to the Board of Education
- Polls will be open from 7am-9pm in the Pelham Middle School Gym
- Additional information, including about voter registration & absentee ballots is available at:

  www.pelhamschools.org/board-of-education/2023-24-budget





# Engagement Opportunities

- **April 20, 7pm -** SEPTA Meeting, MS Library
- **April 25, 8:45am** PTA Council Budget Presentation, Virtual
- **April 25, 7:30pm** Colonial PTA Meeting, Virtual
- May 1, 7pm PMHS/MS Joint PTA Meeting, MS Library
- May 2, 8:30am Prospect Hill PTA Meeting, Library
- May 2, 7:30pm Hutchinson PTA Meeting, Multipurpose Room
- May 3, 8:30am Siwanoy PTA Meeting, MakerSpace
- May 3, 7:30pm Board of Education Meeting, State Mandated Budget Public Hearing, MS Library
- May 4, 8:45am PTA Council Meeting, Virtual
- May 4, 6:30pm Budget Presentation, PMHS Alumni Hall
- May 4, 7pm BOE Candidate's Forum Sponsored by PTA Council



# Questions?