



Pine Plains

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024 Budget Newsletter

Dear Pine Plains Central School District Community:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Pine Plains Central School District budget newsletter! This newsletter is designed to answer questions you, the voter, may have regarding the school budget vote and election. The school budget vote and election will take place on Tuesday, May 16th from 7 am until 9 pm, in the Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria.

The proposed 2023-2024 budget is detailed in this newsletter. Also, on the ballot this year you will find a proposition for the purchase of two (2) 71-passenger buses, as well as the election of two (2) Board of Education members. After several months of diligent review and modification, our administrative team, in tandem with the Board of Education, is proud to present the voters with a proposed budget that we feel is both fiscally and academically responsible.

The proposed 2023-2024 school budget is a 3.3% expenditure increase from the current school year's budget. This is primarily due to the rising cost of inflation and an anticipated decrease in state and federal aid. The resulting tax levy increase of 2.8% is within the tax levy limit.

We value community input at PPCSD. If you have questions or comments regarding the budget newsletter, please feel free to reach out to the district office at (518) 398-7181, ext. 1401 with your questions, thoughts, or concerns.

On the day of the school budget vote and election, we will have our Annual Art Display spotlighting the artwork of our students in grades Pre-K through 12 available for the community to enjoy. I encourage everyone to come out on May 16th for the school budget vote and election.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Timm

Superintendent of Schools

Is your child ready for Pre-K or Kindergarten?



Come register for the 2023-2024 school year!

A child must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2023 for Pre-K and 5 years old on or before December 1, 2023 for Kindergarten.

For more information or to set up an appointment to register, please contact Renee Shea at (845) 868-7451 x2201 or r.shea@ppcsd.org. Additional information can also be found on the District website, www.ppcsd.org/resources/parents/NewStudentRegistration

**2023-2024 Proposed
Budget Increase**

3.3%

**2023-2024 Proposed
Tax Levy Increase ***

2.8%

*Within the 2023-24 Tax Levy Limit

- BUDGET VOTE
- BUS PURCHASE
- ELECT TWO (2) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

VOTE

May 16, 2023

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

**ONE Voting Location:
Stissing Mt Jr/Sr HS**

VOTE • MAY 16, 2023 • 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM • VOTE

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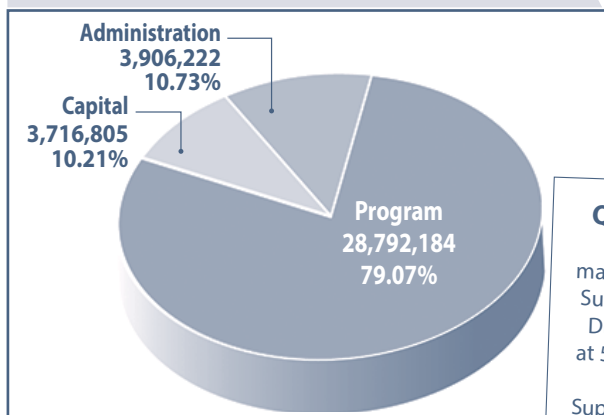
Budget Summary

	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	
ADMINISTRATION	2022-2023	2023-2024	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$3,984,506	\$3,906,222	-1.96%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Support • Building Administration • Employee Benefits 			

PROGRAM	2022-2023	2023-2024	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$27,944,007	\$28,792,184	3.04%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching, Regular School • Academic Intervention • Special Education • Occupational Education • Summer School • School Library, A/V, Computer Assisted Instruction • Pupil Services • Interscholastic Athletics and Co-curricular Activities • Pupil Transportation • Interfund Transfers • Employee Benefits 			

CAPITAL	2022-2023	2023-2024	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$3,324,647	\$3,716,805	11.8%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations and Maintenance • Judgments/Claims, Assessments, Tax Refunds • Interfund Transfers • Employee Benefits • Debt Service 			

TOTAL BUDGET	2022-2023	2023-2024	Increase/Decrease
AMOUNT	\$35,253,160	\$36,415,211	3.30%



Questions?

Residents may call or email Superintendent Dr. Brian Timm at 518-398-7181 ext. 1401
Superintendent@ppcsd.org

Dear Members of the Pine Plains CSD Community,

It has never been more important to be focused, aligned and intentional in our work. We are very excited to share the results of our collaborative efforts to develop plans that will help us to continue growing and improving as we always strive for excellence.

The PPCSD Strategic Plan - Blueprint for Excellence is the result of planning sessions that were held with our Board of Education, Leadership Team, staff, parents, and community members. We worked with feedback gathered from the community this past fall as we developed a plan that will help us continue to grow and achieve as we strive for excellence in all that we do.

This plan will be the backbone for what we do. It will serve as a roadmap in our efforts to connect with each child and family while enhancing our connections as a school and a community. We're in this work together and look forward to being your teammate in our continued effort to be a model school of excellence.

We are proud to announce that our Strategic Plan - Blueprint for Excellence is finalized and we are pleased to be putting our plan into action! If you are interested in viewing the PPCSD Strategic Plan, please feel free to visit the main page of our district website at www.ppcsd.org.

Thank you for your feedback and support. Your collaboration and teamwork make all the difference in the lives of children and the success of the district.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING:

PROPOSITION #1:

2023-2024 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

SHALL the Budget for the 2023-2024 school year be approved? RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$36,415,211 for School District purposes for the 2023-2024 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

PROPOSITION #2:

BUS PURCHASE

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York be authorized to purchase two (2) 71-passenger school buses, including cameras and necessary equipment, at a maximum estimated cost of \$151,997 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$303,994; and that the sum of \$303,994, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued?

ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

To elect two (2) Board of Education members for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026. Two candidates are running for the two seats on the Board of Education this year:

Heidi Johnson and James Griffin

You may vote for up to two (2) candidates.

Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2022-2023 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	35,253,160	36,415,211	35,708,468
Increase/Decrease for 2023-2024 School Year		1,162,051	455,308
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.30%	1.29%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	25,466,368	26,173,111	
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)	25,466,368	26,173,111	25,466,368
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	25,466,368	26,173,111	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	25,466,368	26,173,111	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	0	0	
BUDGET COMPONENTS:			
Administrative	3,984,506	3,906,222	3,874,643
Program	27,944,007	28,792,184	28,284,020
Capital	3,324,647	3,716,805	3,549,805

*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-2024 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated: Over \$700,000 in additional reductions. Elimination of all equipment purchases except for those necessary for health and safety, with board approval. Elimination of free public use of school buildings. Elimination of annual transfer to capital for state-aidable projects. Possible cutbacks / program elimination of interscholastic athletics. Possible elimination of field trips and extracurricular activities. Potential personnel reductions in regular and special subject elementary teachers, teacher aides; junior/senior high school science, social studies, family and consumer sciences, guidance; high school electives in science, art, foreign language, social studies, agriculture, mathematics and/or health.

** 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 Purchases	\$303,994

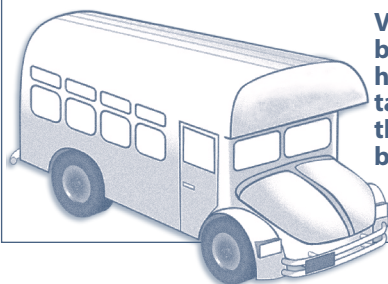
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings ¹	\$477

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

AT-A-GLANCE

PROPOSITION #2: BUS PURCHASE



Voter approval of the bus proposition will have no additional tax impact on the 2023-2024 budget year.

Budget FAQs

Please visit the district website @ www.ppcsd.org under the Budget Vote tab or call (518) 398-7181 ext. 1401.



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Dear Fellow Members of the Pine Plains School District Community,

It's hard to believe that we are in the final weeks of the 2022-23 school year, and the Board and administration are preparing to present next year's budgetary plan for your review. This year, we've had the pleasure of having a student board member added to the table, thanks to your overwhelming approval last spring.

Our new administrative team, led by Dr. Brian Timm, continues to lead our district to new academic heights. We are looking forward to the implementation of his Blueprint for Excellence, a community-driven plan for improving our district's offerings. Additionally, we are pleased to report that the renovations at all three school buildings are near completion.

We continue to have the second-lowest tax rate in Dutchess County and are incredibly proud of our district's continued academic progress. As always, thank you for your steadfast support of our students and their educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

Anne K. Arent
President
Pine Plains Central School District
Board of Education

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