2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

ADOPTED BY THE PINE PLAINS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 22, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 7, 2025

Presented by Laura Rafferty Business Official

Budgetary Priorities

- Ensuring the highest quality education for all students
- Fiscally responsible with a focus on sustainability
- Allocate funds to reflect the Board and District Goals and Vision
- Continue long term planning
- Strategic Plan Pathway for budgeting goals for the three priority areas

Academic Excellence

Seymour Smith Enrichment Class







MS STEAM Class – Cars Photo









Student Experience

Ag Day







Military History



Community Connection







National Honor Society Roadside Cleanup



2025-2026 Budget Highlights



CPI = 2.95%

*2.71% Budget Increase



Tax Levy Cap = 3.5%

*3.2% Tax Levy Proposed



Decrease in Tax Rate per \$1,000/assessment over the last 4 years



Surplus 5 buses / 1 mini van

*Purchase 2 buses / 1 suburban

2025-2026 BOE Adopted Budget



Total Budget

Increase of \$1,022,592 or 2.71%

\$38,712,336



Tax Levy Limit

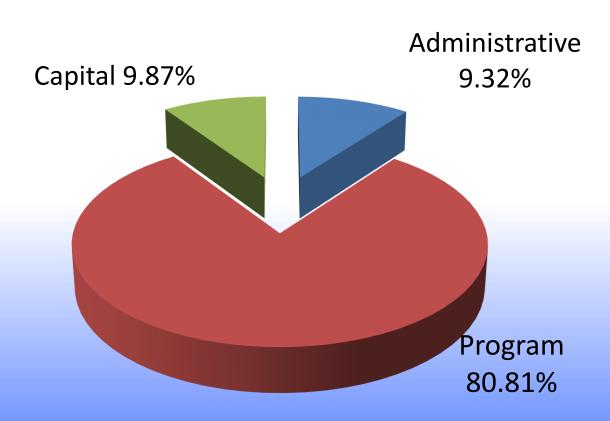
Increase of \$864,676 or 3.20%

\$27,885,802

Three Part Budget

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMPARISON	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Year to Year Change	% Change
ADMINISTRATION	\$3,561,662	\$3,607,155	\$ 45,493	1.28%
PROGRAM	\$30,449,339	\$31,284,490	\$ 835,151	2.74%
CAPITAL	\$3,678,743	\$3,820,690	\$ 10,695	3.86%
TOTAL	\$37,689,744	\$38,712,336	\$1,022,592	2.71%

Three Part Budget



2025-2026 Budget Summary

	2024-25 Approved Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	Year to Year Change	% of Change
Revenue	\$ 35,129,744	\$ 37,712,336	\$ 2,582,592	7.0%
Expenses	\$ 37,689,744	\$ 38,712,336	\$ 1,022,592	2.71%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,000,000	(\$ 800,000)	(44.0%)
Capital Project – Balance of Funds	\$ 760,000*		(\$ 760,000)	100%
*Balance of Funds has not been allocated to date				

2025-2026 Voting Procedures

IN-PERSON VOTING – MAY 20, 2025 7am – 9pm Stissing Mt Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria

IF YOU NEED AN ABSENTEE or EARLY BALLOT...

- ◆ Pick up an application in the District Office located at Stissing Mountain Jr / Sr High School, or
- ◆ Download the application on the District website www.ppcsd.org, or
- ◆ Call the District Clerk at (518) 398-7181 Ext. 1408

Completed Absentee / Early Ballot <u>applications</u> must be received by the District Clerk not more than thirty (30) and not less than seven (7) days prior to the election and vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or up to the day before the election and vote if the ballot is to be personally picked up by the voter or the voter's designated agent as set forth on the application.

Completed Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election and vote, May 20, 2025.

2025-2026 Voter Propositions

Proposition #1 – School District Budget

SHALL the Budget for the 2025-2026 school year be approved? RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$38,712,336 for School District purposes for the 2025-2026 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

2025-2026 Voter Propositions

Proposition #2 – Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund

SHALL the Board of Education of the Pine Plains Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to be known as the "Buildings and Facilities Improvements Reserve Fund 2025," which shall be for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, reconstruction and improvements to the District's buildings and facilities, including athletic facilities and fields, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, planning costs, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; the maximum amount of such fund shall be \$15,000,000 (plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon), with a maximum term of 10 years; the source of the funding to be (1) funds to be transferred from the previously established capital reserve funds, in the amount of \$2,300,000 from the 2019 capital reserve and \$3,365,209.75 from the 2021 capital reserve (plus any additional interest in said funds on the date of transfer), and such transfers are hereby authorized; (2) unexpended unassigned fund balance in the general fund at the end of each fiscal year; (3) funds transferred from other existing reserves; and/or 4) legally available funds available to the District.

2025-2026 Voter Propositions

Proposition #3 – Bus Purchases

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, at a maximum estimated cost of \$164,163 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$328,326, and (1) 8-passenger Chevy Suburban, at a maximum estimated cost of \$68,043; and that the sum of \$396,369, or so much thereof as may be necessary, plus an additional sum of up to \$118,911 for additional costs as a result of tariffs, if necessary, are authorized to be expended from the District's "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund" approved by the voters on May 17, 2022, to pay for the cost of the bus purchases.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Elect Two (2) Board of Education Members

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028. The combination of votes and/or write-ins must be no more than two votes.

Two candidates are running for the two seats on the Board of Education this year:

Fred (Chip) Couse (Incumbent)
Amie Fredericks (Incumbent)

District voters may vote for up to two (2) candidates.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

TUESDAY May 20th 7:00AM to 9:00PM Stissing Mt Jr/Sr HS Cafeteria

- **♦ BUDGET VOTE**
- ♦ ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
- **♦ BUS PURCHASES**
- ♦ ELECT TWO (2) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Absentee / Early Ballots Must Be Received By 5:00PM Tuesday May 20st

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

DISTRICT WEBSITE

https://www.ppcsd.org/district1/budget

SCHOOL OFFICES

Budget Binders; Detailed Budget Copies

LOCAL LIBRARIES

- Budget Binders; Detailed Budget Copies
 - Pine Plains Library
 - Stanford Free Library
 - NorthEast-Millerton Library
 - Clinton Community Library
 - > Scan the QR code to bring you to the Budget page for the Pine Plains Central School District.



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...

BUDGET QUESTIONS:
Dr. BRIAN TIMM, SUPERINTENDENT
518-398-7181 x1401
superintendent@ppcsd.org
or LAURA RAFFERTY, BUSINESS OFFICIAL

l.rafferty@ppcsd.org

518-398-7181 x1402

VOTING / ABSENTEE BALLOTS QUESTIONS:
JULIA W. TOMAINE, DISTRICT CLERK
518-398-7181 ext. 1408
j.tomaine @ppcsd.org

QUESTIONS?



Class of 2025