

**Board of Education  
Budget Workshop  
Budget 101**

January 6, 2026

## AGENDA

- Budget Calendar and Overall Process
- Revenue Budget
- Factors impacting Revenue Budget
- Expense Budget
- Factors impacting Expense Budget
- Projected Costs
- Tax Cap Implications
- Factors impacting the overall Budget Development Process

## Budget Calendar and Process

- December - Budget Calendar - Approved
- January - Review Budget Process/First Look at State Aid
- February - Presentations and Tax Levy Limit
- March – Presentations, Voter Props and Submission of Tax Levy
- April – Present Revenue/Expense Budget to BOE approval, Candidate Petitions and Property Tax Report Card
- May – Public Hearing on the Budget and Budget Vote

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REVENUE

- State Aid (Foundation Aid - 73% of all aid)
- Real Property Taxes (2% Tax Cap)
- STAR Program
- PILOT
- Interest Income
- Federal Aid
- Miscellaneous
  - Interest and penalties (Property Tax)
  - Refund of prior year's expense (BOCES Aid)
  - Tuition from other Districts
  - Facilities Use

## Factors impacting REVENUE

- ❑ State Aid- Foundation Aid Formula
  - First look at Aid Runs on January 15th.
- ❑ State Aid CPI is estimated at 2.8% (place holder until December)
- ❑ Tax Cap – 2% Growth Factor is 1.0101
  - Sixth highest of Dutchess County School Districts (1.0011-1.0175) – *final growth factor released in February*
  - *PILOT – status unknown at this time*
  - *Building Aid – projection in progress*
- ❑ Interest Rates – decline

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EXPENSES

- Program
- Payroll/Benefits – (77%)
  - Health Insurance – Initial rate increase 16.43%
  - TRS – 8.75% - (9.59% - 25/26)
  - ERS – 18.3% - (16.5% - 25/26)
- Special Education
- BOCES
- Facilities and Maintenance
- Transportation
- Athletics
- Instructional Technology

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EXPENSES

- ❑ Payroll- \*Currently negotiating new contracts for 7/1/26 – two units
  
- ❑ Benefits- ***Projected 26/27 Increase/Decrease***
  - Health Insurance – 16.43% – District Contribution = \$1,613,882
  - TRS – 8.75% - District Contribution = (\$ 77,000)
  - ERS – 18.3% - District Contribution = \$295,000
  - Misc.: FICA/Med, Worker’s Comp, Dental, Buyouts

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PROJECTED TAX CAP CALCULATION\*

Line #	Tax Levy Limit (Cap) Before Exclusions	Sign	2025-26	2026-27
1	Tax Levy Prior Year	+	27,021,126	27,885,802
2	Prior Year Reserve Offset	+	0	0
3	Reserve Amount (Includes Interest)	-	0	0
4	Tax Base Growth Factor	×	1.0154	1.0101
5	PILOTS Receivable Prior Year	+	0	29,980
6	Tort/Judgment Exclusion Prior Year	-	0	0
7	Capital Tax Levy for Prior Year	-	0	0
8	Allowable Levy Growth Factor	×	1.0200	1.0200
9	PILOTS Receivable Current Year	-	29,980	30,579
10	Available Carryover from Prior Year	+	0	70,214
11	Total Levy Limit Before Exclusions	=	27,956,016	28,801,013
Line #	Exclusions	Sign	2025-26	2026-27
12	Tax levy necessary for expenditures resulting from tort orders/judgments over 5% Prior Year Tax Levy	+	0	0
13	Capital Tax Levy for Current Year	+	0	78,860
14	Tax levy for pension contribution expense			
	TRS	+	0	0
	ERS	+	0	0
15	Total Exclusions	=	0	78,860
16	Total Tax Levy Limit, Adjusted for Transfers Plus Exclusions	=	27,956,016	28,879,873
17	Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	-	0	0
18	Proposed Levy for Current Year, Net of Reserve		27,885,802	28,879,873
19	Total Tax Levy Limit Adjusted for Transfers Plus Exclusions compared to the Prior Year Tax Levy		3.5%	3.6%
20	Difference between Tax Levy Limit Plus Exclusions and Current Year Proposed Levy		70,214	0
21	Planning to Override the Cap		No	No

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PROJECTED TAX CAP CALCULATION\*

			Increase	Increase
		<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
2025-2026		\$27,885,802	3.20%	864,676
2026-2027		\$28,879,873	3.60%	\$994,071

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## PROJECTED TAX CAP CALCULATION\*

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	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
2025-2026	\$27,885,802	3.20%	864,676
2026-2027	\$29,499,684	5.79%	\$1,613,882
Health Insurance Increase		2.19%	

## Factors impacting EXPENSES

- Class size (enrollment)
- Program changes
- Staffing needs
- Special Education Costs
  - BOCES
  - Tuition – Out of District Placements
- Transportation - contract
- Long-range plans
  - Financial Projections, Facilities Plan (BCS), equipment, textbooks, technology and transportation

## Factors impacting the overall Budget Development Process

- Foundation Aid
- Inflation – CPI
- Tax Cap
- Health Insurance Rates
- TRS/ERS Rates
- Long-range plans
  - Financial Projections
  - Facilities, equipment, technology, textbooks, transportation
  - Bus Replacement/Purchase
    - EV Buses
- Reserve Plan

## Budget Development Timeline

### Key Dates to Remember

- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Governor’s Budget – First Look
- February 17<sup>th</sup> – Board Approval of the Tax Cap
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Submission of Tax Cap Due to OCS
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Approval of Voter Propositions
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Governor’s Budget Due
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – BOE Candidate Petitions Due by 5:00pm
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Board adopts the budget and Property Tax Report Card
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Budget Vote
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Ratify Election Results

Questions?