Proposed 2017-18 School Budget at a Glance:

- Under Tax Cap
 Maintains Class Sizes
- Adds Spanish to Elementary Curriculum



By the Numbers:

Total Appropriations: \$72,780,000

Tax Levy Increase: 1.98% (Tax Cap = 2.14%)

Budget-to-Budget Increase: 2.60%

What's New in the 2017-18 Budget?

Elementary Schools:

- Foreign Language Elementary School (FLES) program for 2nd and 3rd grade students. The FLES program will supplement the regular elementary school curriculum with Spanish instruction starting next school year
- The continuation and expansion of the School Yoga Project and the piloting of the Responsive Classroom framework at Hutchinson
- New social studies textbooks for grade 5 that help align the curriculum for elementary to middle school transition

Middle School:

- Continued Implementation of the International Baccalaureate Programme
- New social studies textbooks for grade 6 that align with new common core standards
- Added focus on inquiry-based learning and labs with technology integration for data collection and analysis

High School:

- New course offerings including: Applied Statistics, Calculus, Transitional Algebra, Mandarin 3, and AP Computer Science, Language, Instruction and Coding
- Continued implementation of the IB Middle Years Programme for grades 9 and 10, including professional development
- Establishment of a varsity boys swim team and the hiring of an assistant cross country coach

Facilities:

- Use of approximately \$200K from the capital reserve to bring Friendship Field to regulation standards for girls' softball
- Continued maintenance and painting across all District buildings and facilities
- Replacement of fire escape at Prospect Hill School
- Masonry work and repairs at PMHS

Tuesday, May 16 - School Budget Vote and BOE Election

More Information online at www.pelhamschools.org (Click 'Budgets & Documents' under the 'District' and 'Budgets and Finance' Tabs)

Inspiring a Standard of Excellence for All Students