

From the Superintendent

On May 21st, the residents of the Pearl River School District will be asked to consider a proposed school budget that has been developed to align with the District's Mission, that all students can and will learn, as well as the District's core values: fiscal responsibility, improving student achievement, and improving the public's perception.

Anticipating a difficult budget year ahead, the District Administration entered the budget development process aided by guiding principles to support our decision making process. We have worked at identifying cost saving measures, and keeping losses and reductions to a minimum, while preserving and advancing our academic programs, where possible.

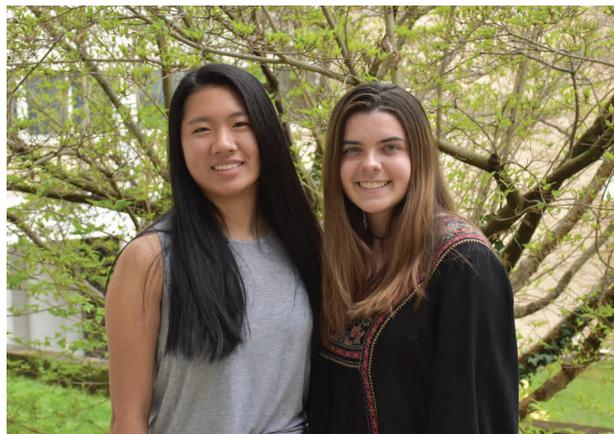
Through innovation and investment in essential elements for long-term success, such as professional development, and curricular resources in literacy, mathematics, technology, and science, the budget supports student learning opportunities consistent with the 21st Century skills that are critically important for our current students and future graduating classes.

The Capital Projects are a continuing visible feature of the District's progress and we will see that work enter its second phase in the months ahead. In addition to the work addressed by the Capital Projects, the 2019-20 budget also includes support for the District's physical infrastructure by providing funding for the needed replacement of equipment, resurfacing of paved areas, painting, and smaller scale projects at each school that are not included in the Capital Projects work.

As always, we are grateful for the support of the Pearl River School District Community and the privilege of serving the educational needs of its children.

I urge all Pearl River residents to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Any district resident who is eligible to vote but is unable to get to the polls on that day can contact Mary Flanagan, District Clerk, at 620-3924 for an absentee ballot. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to PRHS
Class of 2019
Valedictorian, Gigi Lam
and PRHS Class of 2019
Salutatorian, Jessica
McDermott!



***Pearl River School District
Budget Vote and Board of Education Election
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Pearl River High School Pirate Cove***

Budget Highlights

2019-20 Proposed Budget: \$69,240,850
2019-20 Proposed Budget to Budget increase: 1.71%
2019-20 Tax Levy Increase: 1.52%

The Proposed Tax Levy increase of 1.52% is Equal to the NYS Property Tax Cap Allowed.
 Estimated Tax Rate Increase for Homeowners: approximately 0.6%
 Estimated Tax Rate Increase for Non-Homestead: approximately 3.4%

Important Note: Tax rates are estimates only and may change due to adjustments in total assessments and base proportion allocations between homestead and non-homestead properties which are not finalized until August.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 68,078,176	\$ 69,240,850	\$ 68,722,223
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 1,162,674	\$ 644,047
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.71 %	0.94%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
	\$ 55,374,009	\$ 56,215,715	
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)			
	\$ 55,374,009	\$ 56,215,715	\$ 55,571,668
F. Total Permissible Exclusions			
	\$ 955,077	\$ 642,022	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions			
	\$ 54,418,932	\$ 55,573,693	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)			
	\$ 54,418,932	\$ 55,573,693	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)			
	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component			
	\$ 7,612,392	\$ 5,355,847	\$ 5,320,847
Program Component			
	\$ 51,815,695	\$ 55,195,865	\$ 54,932,239
Capital Component			
	\$ 8,650,089	\$ 8,689,137	\$ 8,469,137
* Equipment purchases, free public use of district buildings and grounds, capital outlay and unaffiliated salary increases were not included in developing the 2019-20 Contingent Budget.			
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹\$ 1,195.00			

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Pearl River Union Free School District, Rockland County, New York, will be held at Pearl River High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Pearl River High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

Budget Highlights

Preserve & Advance Instructional Programs:

- Continued work in K-7 Literacy
- Implementation of Next Generation Math Standards
- New Science 21 in Grades K-3
- Pilot of Science 21 curriculum in Grade 4
- Adds 1 HS Special Education/Literacy teacher
- New HS electives in Art and Science
- New K-7 Computer Science curriculum
- Adds 1 District School Psychologist
- Implementation of BOCES Managed IT platform
- Expansion of 1:1 Chromebook Initiative
- Addition of Music First software for grades K-12
- Maintains continuum of special education services;
- Maintains 72 athletic teams (varsity, JV, modified, and intramurals);
- Maintains extra-curricular clubs at all schools;
- Maintains adult enrichment program for community and senior citizens.

Revenue Highlights:

- Tax Levy increase of \$841K (1.52%) is within the allowable tax levy limit;
- State Aid increase of \$414K (3.9%);
- PILOT revenue increase of \$270K;
- Planned use of \$86K in Fund Balance to balance the budget.

Expense Management:

- Budget to budget increase of \$1,162K (1.71%);
- Increase over Projected 2018-19 Projected spending of only \$403K (0.59%).

What Will it All Cost?

- For a home assessed at \$200,000 the projected school tax increase is \$24 per year;
- Final Tax Rate information available in August.

Board of Education Elections

There are two seats up for election, those currently held by Robert Davis and Christine Reddy. Both incumbents are seeking re-election and are running unopposed. The term of office is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.



Robert Davis

Residence and Family: District resident for over 48 years, currently on Gilbert Avenue with wife, Caryn, and three grown children: Robby, Michael, and Cle.

Education: Graduated from Pearl River High School; B.S. in Zoology and minor in chemistry from University of Rhode Island; MBA from Long Island University;

Certificates of completion in school district finances.

Career: Responsible for Operational Excellence and Continuous Improvement within Quality Operations at Pfizer in Pearl River; Experience as a substitute science and math teacher at PRHS and PRMS.

Community Involvement: Current vice-president and school board member since 2003; He served three terms as BOE president, and has served five terms as vice president; Formerly served as a member of the Rockland County BOCES Board of Education and formerly served on PRSD Facilities Committee. He has an active history in the community.

Mr. Davis coached Pearl River Little League, Orangetown Mighty Midget Football and Soccer, and St. Aedan's CYO Basketball. In 2004, Mr. Davis was inducted into the Pearl River High School Sports Hall of Fame. He participates in Pfizer Community Programs and is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Pearl River Elks Club, and St. Aedan's parish.

Mission: "I am committed to ensuring that our students receive an excellent education while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers. I have been honored and privileged to serve on the PRSD Board of Education for the last 15 years and I look forward to continuing to use my experience and knowledge to further the goals of our school district."



Christine Reddy

Residence and Family: District resident for 20 years, currently on Veterans Parkway with husband, William, and two sons: Robbie, who attends Pearl River High School; Liam, who attends Pearl River Middle School.

Education: Graduated from Rockland High School in Rockland, MA; BA from Providence College in Providence, RI; Juris Doctor degree from the Seton Hall University School of Law in Newark, NJ.

Career: Currently retired from the practice of law.

Community Involvement: Has served on the PRSD Board of Education for the last three years; Past president of the Evans Park PTA; Past president and current co-treasurer of the Pearl River Middle School PTA; Volunteer teacher at St. Aedan's Church in Pearl River, NY; Volunteer U12 Manager for younger son's hockey team.

Mission: "As a resident of this community with two young children, it has been my pleasure to serve as a PTA president at both Evans Park and the Middle School and a Board of Education member. I believe in the quality education that all children are receiving in the Pearl River School District and it would be an absolute privilege for me to continue being involved. The Pearl River School District has made some exciting advances in recent years and I look forward to being part of its further development and contributing innovative ideas that are fiscally responsible. It would be an honor to continue to help shape the future of the Pearl River School District and prepare our children for their opportunities and challenges in college or careers, and beyond."

2019-20 Budget Vote Information

**The Pearl River School District
2019-20 Budget Vote is on
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Polls Open from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Pearl River High School Pirate Cove**

Proposition 1: Total Budget: \$ 69,240,850

**School Board Election (vote for two):
Robert Davis Christine Reddy**

For Additional Information: Call 620-3924 (9 AM to 5 PM), weekdays

Complete Detail Budget Information can be found at:

- District Offices (135 West Crooked Hill Road)
- School Building Main Offices (during school hours)
- Pearl River Public Library
- On our website: https://www.pearlriver.org/school_budget_vote_201920



Highlights of the PRHS Class of 2018:

- 100% earned a Regents Diploma
- 77% earned an Advanced Regents diploma
- 100% of special education students earned a Regents/Advanced Regents diploma
- 96% continued on to college, university, or technical school
- 81% are attending four-year colleges
- 325 advanced placement (AP) exams were taken by PRHS students in 2017-18 with 72% scoring a "3" or higher
- Five seniors were named Journal News Scholar Athletes of the Week
- 26 out of 27 varsity teams were named NYS Scholar Athlete Teams

In Order to Vote You Must Be:

- A resident of the Pearl River School District for at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote,
- At least 18 years of age on 5.21.19
- A citizen of the United States
- Registered to vote.

Absentee Ballots:

Please contact the District Clerk (845-620-3924) :

- Will mail up to seven days prior to the election
- You can pick one up the day before the election
- Return absentee ballots by 5pm on 5.21.19



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