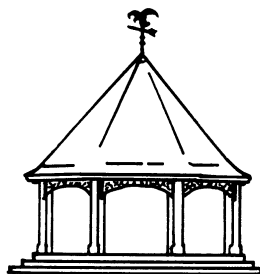


May 2018



Every Child Can and Will Learn

# Pearl River School District

## From the Superintendent

On May 15th, the residents of the Pearl River School District will be asked to consider a proposed school budget that has been developed to advance our work in several key areas. Maintaining and strengthening quality programs in our schools is a priority. This budget allows us to protect class sizes, and maintain all of our current programs and extra-curricular activities. The district currently has one library media specialist that serves all three elementary schools. The budget includes hiring two library media specialists that will fully restore some of the budget cuts that were made in previous years. Each school will have a full-time library media specialist. The addition of a social worker will benefit the social and emotional needs of students and provide support to families. School safety is always in the forefront. We currently share a school resource officer (SRO) with the South Orangetown School District. We are including funding in the budget in order to have a full time SRO in our district. The addition of a part time speech and language teacher will be paid for through a grant and provide early intervention services for students in this important aspect of literacy development.

The proposed budget increase is within the allowable NYS tax levy cap and totals 2.3%. The tax rate increase, however, is based on changes both in the assessments and in the base proportion between homestead and commercial properties. This year the district faces a shift in the base proportion which will increase the amount paid by homeowners. This will result in an estimated tax increase of 3.9% for homeowners—larger than it has been in several years. Commercial properties will see a decrease of 1.54% in their tax rate. As a reference, this increase will amount to \$310 on a home assessed at \$200,000.

I urge all Pearl River residents to exercise their right to vote on May 15, 2018. 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 2018  
Valedictorian, Tanner  
Chiamprasert and  
PRHS Class of 2018  
Salutatorian, Hanna  
Preston!



***Pearl River School District  
Budget Vote and Board of Education Election  
Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Pearl River High School Pirate Cove***

# Budget Highlights

Total Proposed Budget: \$68,078,176

Projected Tax Rate Increase for Homeowners of 3.9%

Projected Tax Rate **Decrease** for Non-Homestead of 1.54%

Final tax rates could change based upon total assessments in August

## Expands/Maintains Academic Programs:

Adds 2 library media specialists at the elementary level;  
 Adds 1 district social worker to support students and families;  
 Adds a teaching assistant to support LA Inquiry Lab;  
 Adds funding for a full-time School Resource Officer;  
 Adds a .5 speech language teacher (supported by grant);  
 Adds clerical support for the Athletics office;  
 Maintains continuum of special education services;  
 Maintains 72 athletic teams (varsity, JV, modified, and intramurals);  
 Maintains 30 extra-curricular clubs at PRHS and 15 at PRMS;  
 Continues to protect class sizes at the elementary level and protects core courses at PRMS and PRHS;  
 Maintains adult enrichment program for community and senior citizens.

## Revenue Highlights:

Includes a small increase in state aid based on prescribed Foundation Aid calculations. District will also allocate \$445,159 of reserves to cover the spending plan.

## Expense Management:

Overall spending increase of 3.34%, a total of \$2,197,924. Included in this total is an increase of \$200,000 in planned capital work related to the Building Conditions Survey.

## What Will it All Cost?

For a home assessed at \$200,000 (Orangetown is on partial assessment), the projected tax increase is \$310 per year. Final tax rates could change based upon total assessments in August.

# School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 65,880,252	\$ 68,078,176	\$ 67,802,176
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$ 2,197,924	\$ 1,921,924
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.34 %	2.92%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 53,917,311	\$ 55,171,346	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 53,917,311	\$ 55,171,346	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$	\$	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$	\$	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$	\$	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$	\$	
Administrative Component	\$ 7,351,730	\$ 7,612,392	\$ 7,612,392
Program Component	\$ 50,145,381	\$ 51,815,695	\$ 51,629,695
Capital Component	\$ 8,383,141	\$ 8,650,089	\$ 8,560,089
			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>			\$ 1,229.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Pearl River school district, Rockland County, New York, will be held at Pearl River High School in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 am prevailing time OR between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the 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.

# Board of Education Election

There are two seats up for election, those currently held by Bruce Bond and Jackie Curtiss. Incumbent Bruce Bond is seeking re-election; incumbent Mrs. Curtiss is not seeking re-election. There are four candidates for the two open seats. The term of office is July, 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.



## Bruce Bond

**Residence and Family:** Lifelong district resident, currently on North Main Street with wife, Jean. Three grown children, all graduates of Pearl River High School: Doreen, math teacher, married with two children; Brian, a middle school art teacher; Adrienne, works as a human resources manager.

**Education:** Graduate Pearl River HS Class of '71; Attended SUNY Rockland.

**Career:** Retired insurance agent; currently works as a wine wholesaler in Rockland and Westchester Counties.

**Community Involvement:** School board member since 1988 including 11 years as president and three years as vice president; Orangetown Planning Board member for 16 years and current vice chair; Past involvement includes Member of the Rotary Club of Pearl River, March of Dimes Walkathon committee, Pearl River Little League, Pearl River Touchdown Club, Annual PR/Nanuet Alumni Football Game, PTA, Boy Scouts, and PRSD Superintendent Search Committee; 2006 Recipient of the PRHS Sports Hall of Fame Tom and Priscilla Lanks Community Service Award; 2008 Recipient of the Rockland County School Boards Association EDDY Award for outstanding board service; 2012 Rockland County School Board Association Hall of Fame Award for commitment to the school district and community, and longevity as a school board member.

**Mission:** "It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve the students and families of this community as a member of the Board of Education. Having had experience with school district bond projects over the last 30 years on the board, I would like to continue to be involved with the \$32 million dollar capital improvement project through its completion. In addition to a strong school program for students, I look forward to seeing improvements in our infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner."



## Michael J. Mandel

**Residence and Family:** District resident for 36 years, currently on Grove Street with wife, Dianne. Proud grandfather of Quinnlan, 4th grader at Franklin Avenue Elementary School.

**Education:** B.A., St. Francis College; M.A., John Jay College, Columbia University

graduate school; Police Management Institute- Management for Non-Profits.

**Career:** NYCPD Inspector for 36 years; Instructor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

**Community Involvement:** St. Aedan's Church usher; Orangetown Planning Board member; Orangetown Board of Ethics chairperson; Vice President, Pearl River Parks & Activities Committee; Pearl River Parks & Activities 4th of July Fireworks and Carnival committee member.

**Mission:** "I am running for the School Board with the aim of developing and expanding our curriculum to meet future job markets, especially those in the STEM related fields. This would include expanding the STEM program in the areas of engineering, computer science, tech (web) design and robotics, and making coding part of the grammar school course work. Finally, starting foreign language classes in the first grade (the younger they are, the easier it is to learn) and bringing back musical instrument instruction to the third and fourth grades."



## Jackie Dubil-Craig

**Residence and Family:** 31 year district resident, currently on Elmendorf Lane with husband, Michael and three children. Jack, is an 8th grader at PRHS and Riley and Ryan are 6th graders at PRMS.

**Education:** Graduate of PRHS; BS, Elementary Ed from University of Scranton; MA in School Counseling from NYU; 3 Advanced Certificates of Study: Special Education from Dominican College, Applied Behavior Analysis from University of North Texas, and School District Administration from Long Island University (LIU); PhD courses at Fordham University.

**Career:** Behavior analyst, Teacher in Charge; Currently at Bergen County Special Services to oversee public school programs for individuals with autism; Adjunct professor for special education at Fordham University, LIU, Dominican College, and St. Thomas Aquinas College.

**Community Involvement:** Lincoln Ave PTA including president for two years, SEPTA past president, currently vice president; MS PTA including vice president for two years; Pearl River Little League Fall ball coach; Rockland FC parent manager; St. Aedan's CCD teacher for 1st Holy Communion students with autism, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troop leader; PRSD Curriculum Advisory Council member.

**Mission:** "As a parent of three children in the Pearl River School District and an active community member, I am dedicated to improving our schools and the education that our children receive."



## Lisa Williams

**Residence and Family:** District resident for 9 1/2 years, currently on Gilbert Avenue with husband Scott. Three children: Owen, a 3rd grader at Franklin Avenue Elementary School; Julia, a sophomore at Pearl River High School; Hope, a sophomore at Marist College.

**Education:** B.A., Pratt Institute; M.A., Architecture & Urban Design - Columbia University.

**Career:** Architect; licensed local salesperson at Better Homes & Gardens Rand Realty.

**Community Involvement:** FA PTA member; PRMS PTA member; SEPTA member; Hi Tor Animal Shelter supporter.

**Mission:** "I am running for the Board of Education in hopes of helping to change our security in all of our schools. I feel that is also important to have a voice for parents, as someone who has children in the district, in utilizing our schools."



# 2018– 19 Budget Vote Facts-at-a-Glance

**Proposition 1: Total Budget: \$68,078,176**

**Projected Tax Rate: 3.9% Increase Homestead  
1.5% Decrease Non-Homestead**

**Budget Vote Date:** Tuesday • May 15th, 2018

**Polling Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Polling Place:** Pearl River High School Pirate Cove

## For Additional Information:

Call 620-3924 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A copy of the full budget is available for review in the district administrative offices located at 135 West Crooked Hill Road, in each of the school offices during regular school hours, and at [www.pearlriver.org](http://www.pearlriver.org).

## Absentee Ballots:

Absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the district clerk, located in the PRSD Administrative Offices, 135 West Crooked Hill Road, Pearl River. Requests for ballots to be mailed to the voter must be received at least seven days prior to the election. Ballots being picked up personally must be picked up by the day before the election. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5PM on May 15, 2018 in order to be included in the vote count.



## Who May Vote:

To vote in a PRSD Budget Vote and Board Election, you must be:

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

Anyone who has voted in a general or school election since 2014 and who meets the above criteria is automatically eligible.

## Highlights of the PRHS Class of 2017:

- 98% earned a Regents Diploma
- 73% earned an Advanced Regents diploma
- 100% of special education students earned a Regents/Advanced Regents diploma
- 99% continued on to college, university, or technical school
- 79% are attending four-year colleges
- 356 advanced placement (AP) exams were taken by PRHS students in 2016–17 with 62% scoring a "3" or higher
- Five seniors were named Journal News Scholar Athletes of the Week
- 22 out of 27 varsity teams were named NYS Scholar Athlete Teams



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