



PORT BYRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET 2023-24 NEWSLETTER

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Athletic Center Lobby

*(Please enter through the back doors
located on Athletic Drive)*

2023-24 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Total Budget **\$24,468,125**

Proposed Budget Increase **\$1,097,009**

Proposed School Tax Levy **\$6,498,957**

Estimated School Tax Levy Increase **1.2%**

Port Byron Central School District

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Dear Port Byron CSD Community,

The Port Byron Central School District continues to strive to provide the best educational opportunities for its students and families. Once again, the priorities identified in our long-term strategic plan were our focus when creating the school budget. The 2023-2024 budget includes resources that allow us to offer engaging learning experiences for all students, maintain and improve our buildings, grounds, and transportation systems, and continue to be leaders in the area with regards to technology use and infrastructure.

This year, finalizing the budget was more challenging than the past several years. As I write this letter, our New York State lawmakers have failed to meet multiple deadlines to reach an agreement on a state budget for the 2023 fiscal year. While we were given projected aid numbers from the state, there are often other details in the state budget that can have a significant impact on the school budget that is approved by the BOE and voted on by the community on May 16th. That being said, the combination of careful planning in the business office, stable leadership by the Board of Education, and a clear vision regarding the educational experiences we expect for our students, has allowed us to create a responsible budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

Even though we are not expected to see the same large increases in state aid as some of our neighboring districts, we are projecting to have the smallest tax increase in the area. The proposed tax levy increase of 1.2% is also well below the maximum tax rate we could propose under tax cap law.

Within the 2023-2024 budget, we will continue to provide all of the amazing initiatives that set us apart from other districts. This budget will allow us to continue to purchase school supplies for all students, keep class sizes small, provide breakfast and lunch for all students, ensure our staff has access to the best professional learning opportunities, and allows us to keep our School Resource Officer at school full-time.

In addition to those items, we continue to look for ways to improve and grow. The comprehensive work we did last year to develop the district's long-term strategic plan helps us make budgetary decisions that allow us to move forward as we pursue and strive for excellence. Next year, we plan to place an emphasis on career exploration for all of our students. At the elementary level, we want to help our youngest learners build self-knowledge and understand the different opportunities they may pursue when they grow up. In the intermediate and secondary grades, we are going to provide students with opportunities to learn more about their personal talents, interests, and skills so they can connect those strengths to relevant career options.

As always, if you have any questions about the school budget or anything else school related, please reach out to us. We also look forward to meeting with you at our Town Budget Presentations. The schedule for those evenings is included with this newsletter.

Please come out Tuesday, May 16th to vote and support our incredible school district!



Go Panthers!

Michael Jorgensen, Superintendent of Schools

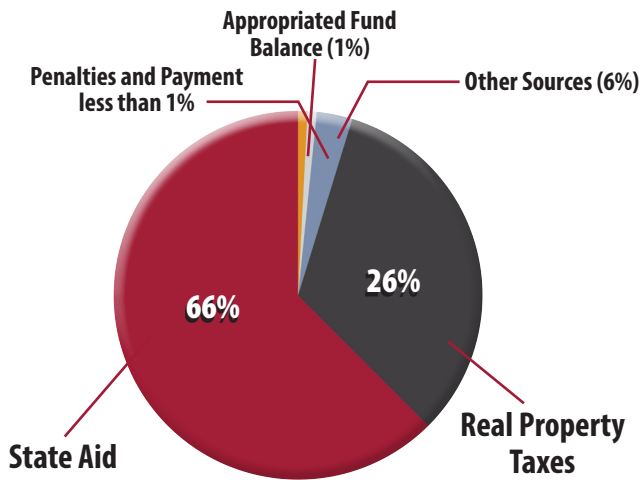


REVENUE SUMMARY	2022-2023	2023-2024
State Aid	15,556,536.00	16,197,600.00
Real Property Taxes Local Tax Levy	6,421,897.00	6,498,957.00
Penalties and Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,000.00	13,458.00
Other Sources (such as admissions, interest on investments, tuition billing for non-residents, other miscellaneous charges, and fund balance application)	1,032,683.00	1,408,110.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	350,000.00	350,000.00
Total	23,371,116.00	24,468,125.00

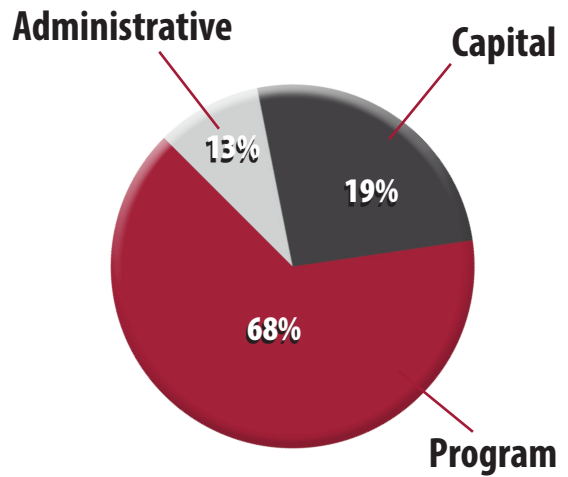


SPENDING SUMMARY	2022-2023	2023-2024
Administrative Expenditures	3,061,631	3,124,366
Program Expenditures	15,890,456	16,766,545
Capital Expenditures	4,371,831	4,577,215
Total	23,371,116	24,468,125

PROJECTED REVENUES



PROJECTED EXPENDITURES



VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 18 years old as of May 16, 2023
- U.S. citizen and district resident for at least 30 days prior to May 16, 2023
- Residents are eligible to vote if they have registered with the county board of elections
- No preregistration is required, but personal identification/proof of residency is required, such as a driver's license with current address or utility bill showing resident's name and current address.
- Questions?
Call: (315) 776-5728



BUDGET SUMMARY

All public schools in New York State are required by law to report their spending in three categories: Administrative (this page), Program, and Capital (Page 4).

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

The administrative component provides for overall general support and management activities including board of education, central administration, business office, and legal and auditing services. Costs for administration and supervision of each of the district's schools are also included.

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Board of Education	40,343.00	44,197.00
Central Administration	264,773.00	279,055.00
Finance	572,893.00	599,672.00
Legal	27,462.00	28,807.00
Personnel	11,486.00	11,495.00
Public Information	12,924.00	13,286.00
Other Central Services	440,056.00	441,307.00
Other Special Items	197,262.00	241,290.00
Supervision	587,010.00	642,825.00
Research Planning & Development	146,492.00	131,111.00
Benefits	760,930	691,321
Total	3,061,631	3,124,366

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How is the budget developed?

The proposed budget adopted by the Board of Education began as a draft developed by administrators and staff during the fall and early winter. From January through early April, the board reviewed and revised the draft budget to reflect its annual goals and public feedback.

What happens if the budget is defeated?

Under New York State law, if the school budget is defeated, the Board of Education can either put the same budget or a modified budget up for another vote, or immediately adopt a contingent budget. If residents defeat the proposed budget during a second vote, the board must adopt a contingent budget.

Where can I learn more about the proposed budget?

Visit the district's budget webpage on the district website, www.pbcschools.org.

Attend an upcoming community budget meeting. The district is hosting four more this month: See back page for dates, times, and locations.





PROGRAM COMPONENT

This program component includes salaries of all teaching staff, as well as pupil transportation and employee benefits.

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Legal	29,000.00	29,000.00
Inservice/Curriculum Development	116,309.00	126,349.00
Teaching Regular School	4,706,189.00	5,067,440.00
Teaching Special Programs	3,205,152.00	3,419,170.00
Teaching Special Schools	849,586.00	843,817.00
Library Media Services	176,681.00	172,065.00
Computer Assisted Instruction	959,144.00	1,011,946.00
Guidance	278,463.00	295,123.00
Health Services	116,962.00	121,408.00
Psychological Services	25,000.00	25,000.00
Pupil Services Athletics	409,999.00	471,337.00
Transportation	1,528,747.00	1,543,215.00
Benefits	3,489,224	3,640,675
Total	15,890,456	16,766,545

CAPITAL COMPONENT

The capital component of the budget deals with all personnel, equipment, supplies and materials for the operation and maintenance of district families. It also includes any judgment and claims, refunds of real property taxes and all payments on principal and interest on judgments.

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Operation of Plant	1,031,942.00	1,077,832.00
Maintenance of Plant	268,155.00	279,747.00
Other Special Items	74,500.00	77,500.00
Refund of Property Tax	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bus Garage	314,246.00	422,779.00
Debt Service	2,243,408.00	2,124,141.00
Transfer to Capital Fund (Capital Outlay)	100,000.00	250,000.00
Interfund Transfers	15,000.00	15,000.00
Benefits	322,580.00	328,216.00
Total	4,371,831	4,577,215





VOTERS TO ELECT THREE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Port Byron Central School District residents will elect three members of the Board of Education on May 16, 2023. The three with the highest number of votes will each serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2023. Each board candidate has prepared his or her own biography.

DR. PAUL W. RYAN

Family: Married. 3 grown children, all graduates of PBCSD

Education: Doctor of Chiropractic, Northeast College of Health Sciences, 1989

Career: Private practice, Ryan Chiropractic and Wellness, PLLC; Former Adjunct professor, New York Chiropractic College

Public office: PBCSD school board member, served as president/vice president, Cayuga Community College alumni board, served as president/vice president, member of the Throop town board, deputy supervisor of Throop, Cayuga/Onondaga School Board Association, served as president.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the PBCSD school board. I would like to thank this board, the administrators and staff, the students and the community, who all come together as a team to make our district a great place to raise our families. If elected, I will continue to support the district administrators, educators and support staff in preparing our students to thrive after graduation.

PETER V. SVITAVSKY

Pete Svitavsky and his wife, Janine Svitavsky have been residents of Port Byron for almost twenty five years and are proud to be raising a daughter and a son in the district. Mr. Svitavsky has a degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is a licensed professional engineer. He has worked in Syracuse and at projects throughout the country since 1998. He is a strong supporter of Port Byron's academic initiatives, as well as the athletic and the arts programs.

"As our children worked their way through the Port Byron schools, I came to appreciate how the district recognizes our Upstate values and builds on that strength. The difficult years we endured during COVID have shown without a doubt that our students are hardworking and resilient. I am excited to see them bring that spirit into the world. Together with the board I will work to make sure that every one of them has opportunities to develop the skills that suit their interests and will enable them to succeed. I am also eager for the opportunity to help our programs and our buildings grow with the times. The science and technology initiatives are a very important way that the district continues to provide the tools our children will need to succeed in the twenty first century."

BENJAMIN VITALE

Benjamin Vitale is running for his eighth full term on the Board of Education. Mr. Vitale has served as board president and vice president and has served on the board's audit and budget committees. He is a graduate of Port Byron, has lived on his family farm most of his life, and attended the University of Vermont and SUNY Empire State college. When he is not working, Mr. Vitale says his interests include more work and socializing. He is running for the board because he says he has a high value of community and wants to help in any way he can.



SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$23,371,116	\$24,468,125	\$23,674,997										
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$1,097,009	\$303,881										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.69 %	1.3%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$6,421,897	\$6,498,957											
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)	\$6,421,897	\$6,498,957	0%										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$253,167	\$213,040											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,741,877	\$6,607,439											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$6,168,730	\$6,285,917											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$573,147	\$321,522											
Administrative Component	\$2,969,908	\$3,124,366	\$3,102,716										
Program Component	\$16,026,752	\$16,776,545	\$16,776,545										
Capital Component	\$4,374,456	\$4,577,215	\$3,805,736										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. The reductions that make up the contingency budget include no new buses, no maintenance equipment purchases, no capital outlay project, minimal admin salary increases, and reduction in contractual expenses (conferences and staff development opportunities).</p> <p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Replacement student transport vehicles</td> <td>\$420,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Library</td> <td>\$101,147.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Reserve Fund</td> <td>\$2,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	Replacement student transport vehicles	\$420,000.00	Library	\$101,147.00	Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000,000		\$
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*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nySED.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹
\$494.64

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Port Byron Central school district, Cayuga County, New York, will be held at Port Byron Central School District in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Athletic Lobby, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. ***Districts should include information according to Executive Orders and as advised by legal counsel.***

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



VOTERS TO DECIDE ON FOUR PROPOSITIONS

- 1 Shall the Board of Education of the Port Byron Central School District, Cayuga and Wayne Counties, New York be authorized to adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of **\$24,468,125.00** and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District?
- 2 Shall the Board of Education of the Port Byron Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two student transport vehicles and one seven passenger van, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$420,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$420,000?
- 3 Shall the Board of Education of the Port Byron Central School District be authorized to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 having a 10 year term to be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities, including the purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, security and safety improvement, site development, athletic fields, plumbing, storm and sanitary sewers, boilers, driveways, and parking lots, such reserve fund to be funded from (i) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (ii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law?
- 4 To elect THREE (3) members of the Board of Education to 3-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026 to fill the vacancies of the expiring terms of Dr. Paul Ryan, Peter Svitavsky, and Benjamin Vitale.

Dr. Paul Ryan
Peter Svitavsky
Benjamin Vitale



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