

## 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



**Congratulations to the Class of 2024 Valedictorian David Barbulet and Salutatorian David DiLapi, pictured with Dr. Payne and Mr. Mello.**

## ASPIRE Art Work



**Call of the Gladiators, drawn by high school senior Mina Francis, is chosen as the 2024 ASPIRE contest winner.**

ASPIRE Stands for Awareness, Safety, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect and Empathy. Each year students in their Junior year are encouraged to submit a work of art to the annual contest, which asks them to create work that reflects one or more of the characteristics we value in all members of the PVHS community.



**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
Central School District  
171 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

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# PUTNAM VALLEY

Budget Newsletter 2024-2025



## Dear Putnam Valley Community:

This newsletter seeks to provide details on our spending plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

As is the case each year, it is our goal to empower all community members with timely and accurate information. The budget has been presented during several board meetings, the PTA hosted a Q&A session, and budget advisory sessions have been held. Budget presentations are available on the district website along with corresponding video presentations (pvcsd.org). We hope the information provided will help you cast an informed vote.

We are excited to propose a budget that preserves the district's instructional program, includes important staff additions that will help lower class sizes at the Elementary School, and provides additional mental health and counseling services at our Middle School. Our proposed budget remains below the tax levy limit and positions the district to maintain its strong fiscal standing moving forward. A proposed tax levy increase of 2.56% strikes an effective balance between the fiscal needs of our community and the costs associated with offering a rigorous and well-rounded academic program. Student support structures and extracurricular activities are also included in the proposed budget.

This year's ballot will include several propositions; two school board trustee positions must be filled and two additional propositions will determine the district's ability to effectively manage its financing moving forward. The creation of a new capital reserve fund will allow the district to set aside available funds that can only be used upon voter approval. Capital reserve funds can only be used to support future capital expenses. This proposition is requesting permission to create the fund, no money will be added through this proposition. The next proposition is again seeking voter approval. This proposition will ask voters to allow the district to borrow funds to support the purchase of new school buses only if the need arises. Allowing the district to borrow money and pay off these expensive vehicles over time helps to provide financial stability that would not exist if the district needed to cover the entire cost of a vehicle at the time of purchase.

Our school budget sustains the programs we offer the students of Putnam Valley, respects the financial implications for our community, and ensures that Putnam Valley remains a desirable destination for families looking for a community with great schools. Please come out and vote on Tuesday, May 21, between 6 am and 9 pm, at the Putnam Valley Elementary School.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Dr. Jeremy Luft  
*Superintendent of Schools*

Barbara Parmly  
*Board of Education President*

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## Budget Highlights

- Tax levy under the tax cap for the 13th consecutive year despite the impacts of inflation on district expenditures
- Maintains academic programs and staffing that support student success
- Revenue generated by welcoming Garrison students to PVHS
- Transportation contractor awarded a 5 year contract

## Savings achieved:

- Reduced outsourcing by leveraging the skills of our talented employees
- Geothermal heating and cooling and solar panels at all three buildings reduce our reliance on public utilities (electricity and oil)
- Strong fiscal health yields "AA" bond rating
- Shared services and community partnerships reduce costs
- Increased investment earnings generate additional savings
- Establishing a capital reserve will minimize borrowing in the long term for the purposes of future capital planning

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## Tiger Pride Alert

**Congratulations to the many teams and student-athletes** celebrating league and section championship titles! Our Game Day Cheer team placed first in the NY State Championship and our Girls Basketball team is once again Regional Champions, making it to the NYS Final Four. Esuar Ordonez placed 6th in the NYS Wrestling Championships and Putnam Valley has a Heart of A Giant winner, Eduardo Recinos. Eduardo, a junior at Putnam Valley High School, serves as the team manager for our football team and was chosen by the New York Giants and the Hospital for Special Surgery to receive this amazing award.



## Volleyball Section Champs



## Thank You!

**Thank you**  
Jill Figarella  
for more than 30 years of dedicated service to PVCS D.

We wish you all the best in your retirement as we welcome Grace Chan to the Putnam Valley team.



## PVHS TheatreWorks

**Across our schools,** students are engaged in chorus, band, visual arts, and the performing arts. We warmly welcome the community to witness the creative and exceptional talent of our high school performers and stage crew when PVHS TheatreWorks presents our fall drama and spring musical. Congratulations to all on our wonderful spring performances!



**CAN YOU SHARE SOME OF YOUR TIME?**



**Reach out to our amazing volunteer organizations:** Education Foundation at pvefny@gmail.com; Putnam Valley PTA at putnamvalleypta@gmail.com; Putnam Valley Booster Club at putnamvalleyboosterclub@gmail.com; Putnam Valley PTSA at putnamvalleyptsa@gmail.com.  
*It takes a Valley!*

## Vote Information

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND EARLY VOTING BALLOTS

If needed, ballots are available at the District Office through Monday, May 20, 4 PM. Absentee/early voting ballots must be received by Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5 PM.

### SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

All registered voters may vote for two candidates. Candidates that are seeking a three-year term are Zayd M. Eljamal, Sasha Hayes, Barbara Parmly, and Maranda E. Zocchi.

**Number of registered voters: 7,600 Average voter turnout: 1,000**

### Ballot Information:

**Proposition#1:** Putnam Valley School District Budget

**Proposition#2:** Permission to borrow funds for the purchase of buses; only if needed

**Proposition#3:** Permission to establish Capital Reserve funds which will reduce capital project financing costs. Use of these funds for future projects would require a separate request for voter approval.

**Board of Education Trustee seats:** Vote for two

### What happens if the school budget fails?

The Board of Education may be forced to adopt a budget with a tax levy no greater than what was levied the prior year (contingency budget\* see page 2) or put the same or revised budget before the voters again. A second defeat would require the adoption of the contingency budget resulting in the reduction of \$1,030,762 for the 2024-25 school year and would compound required reductions for subsequent years.

## BUDGET & TRUSTEE VOTE

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

6 AM - 9 PM ★ Putnam Valley Elementary School  
171 Oscawana Lake Road

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BUDGET & TRUSTEE  
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# School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$58,145,135	\$60,557,653	\$59,526,891
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$2,412,518	\$1,030,762
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.15%	2.38%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$40,300,000	\$41,330,762	
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)	\$40,300,000	\$41,330,762	\$40,300,000
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,163,076	\$1,210,498	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$39,153,573	\$40,133,414	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$39,136,924	\$40,120,264	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$16,649	\$13,150	
Administrative Component	\$6,205,746	\$6,570,871	\$6,570,871
Program Component	\$43,312,235	\$45,389,773	\$44,359,011
Capital Component	\$8,627,154	\$8,597,009	\$8,597,009

\*Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, in the case of a contingency budget, districts are constrained in three ways: determination of ordinary contingency budget appropriations, the administrative cap, and the restriction on the tax levy. Ordinary contingency expenses are defined as the expenditures absolutely necessary to operate and maintain schools.

\*\* 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)

Description	Amount
Bus Proposition II allows the District to finance vehicle purchases.	\$0
Capital Reserve II allows the District to minimize future borrowing on capital projects reducing future budgets.	\$0

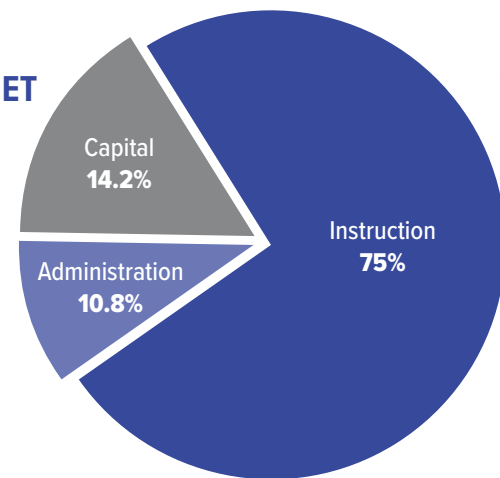
## Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

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

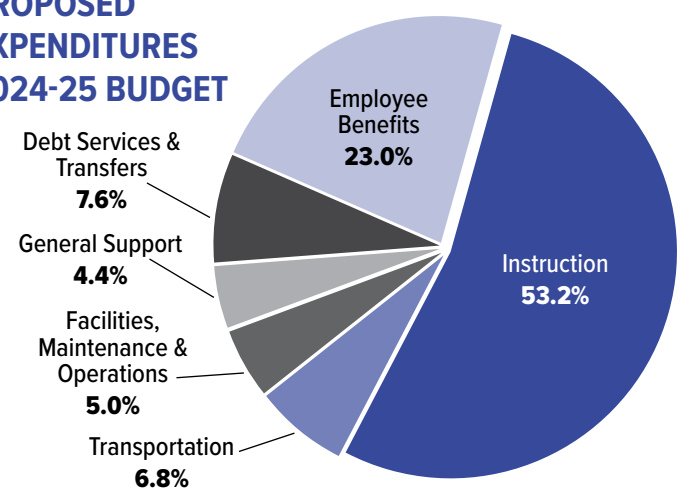
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Carmel	\$1,050
Cortlandt	\$2,000
Putnam Valley	\$1,058

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Putnam Valley School District, Putnam County, New York, will be held at the PV Elementary school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Putnam Valley School District, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

## THREE-PART COMPONENT 2024-25 BUDGET



## PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2024-25 BUDGET



## PROPOSED 2024-25 BUDGET: Three-Part Format

All public schools in New York State are required to report appropriations in three official categories: Instruction, Capital, and Administrative. The following data shows how the Putnam Valley School budget breaks down:

### EXPENDITURES

#### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS 75%

**INCLUDES:** The salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

	BUDGET 2023-24	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25	BUDGET CHANGES
Curriculum & Instruction	\$28,930,947	\$30,010,151	\$1,079,204
Pupil Transportation	\$3,500,553	\$4,046,026	\$545,473
Employee Benefits	\$10,790,735	\$11,238,596	\$447,861
Interfund Transfers	\$90,000	\$95,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,312,235</b>	<b>\$45,389,773</b>	<b>\$2,077,538</b>

#### ADMINISTRATION 10.8%

**INCLUDES:** The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, and legal services.

	BUDGET 2023-24	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25	BUDGET CHANGES
Business & Finance/Facilities & Maintenance	\$1,807,116	\$1,997,372	\$190,256
Central Administration/Transportation	\$607,333	\$661,008	\$53,675
Instructional Supervision	\$2,152,704	\$2,205,889	\$53,185
Employee Benefits	\$1,638,593	\$1,706,602	\$68,009
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,205,746</b>	<b>\$6,570,871</b>	<b>\$365,125</b>

#### CAPITAL 14.2%

**INCLUDES:** Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

	BUDGET 2023-24	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25	BUDGET CHANGES
Operations	\$2,234,432	\$2,209,682	\$112,250
Maintenance	\$709,530	\$787,159	\$77,629
Employee Benefits	\$892,567	\$929,612	\$37,045
Debt Service	\$4,790,625	\$4,670,556	(\$257,069)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,627,154</b>	<b>\$8,597,009</b>	<b>(\$30,145)</b>
<b>TOTAL: GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$58,145,135</b>	<b>\$60,557,653</b>	<b>\$2,412,518</b>

The proposed tax levy change is **2.56%** and remains below the allowable tax levy cap despite the impacts of inflation on district expenditures.

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## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

### REVENUES.....\$60,557,653

**Real Property Tax Levy 68.3%.....\$41,330,762**  
Derived from the assessed value of your property and the equalization rate.

**State and Federal Sources 27.3%.....\$16,557,319**  
Anticipated State Aid.

**Interfund Transfers 2.1%.....\$1,300,000**  
Transfers from debt service fund to reduce annual debt and allow for funding of the turf and fencing.

**Local Non-Tax Sources 2.3%.....\$1,369,572**  
Revenues from sources such as charges for services from outside groups, out-of-district tuition, sales tax, and interest on investments as well as appropriated Fund Balance.

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

### EXPENDITURES .....\$ 60,557,653

**Instruction 53.2%.....\$32,216,040**  
Includes teacher salaries, instructional materials and supplies, library and media, computer assisted instruction, Special Education services, Pupil Personnel, BOCES services, Athletics and health services.

**Employee Benefits 23.0%.....\$13,874,810**  
Includes mandated costs for Social Security, Medicare, retirement, health and other related insurance costs. There are increases in pension contribution rates and health premiums.

**Transportation 6.8%.....\$4,123,794**  
Reflects in-district and out-of-district home-to-school transportation, salaries, materials, and fuel.

**Facilities and Maintenance 5.0%.....\$3,037,658**  
District-wide upkeep of buildings and grounds.

**General Support 4.4%.....\$ 2,676,795**  
Covers the cost of central administration, finance and treasurer, personnel, public relations, and legal expenses.

**Debt Service and Interfund Transfers 7.6%.....\$4,628,556**  
Used to pay principal and interest on capital projects and non-aidable portion of the Extended School Year Program. The Debt Service Fund is also used to supplement the debt payment.

**2024-2025:** The fencing, turf field and track will be replaced at the HS in the summer of 2025. The project will be eligible for 60% aid.

## PVMS IB Middle Years Programme

**Building on the student engagement and success of the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum at the high school,** Putnam Valley Middle School is pursuing MYP and authorization as an IB World School. Students learn best when their learning experiences have context and are connected to their lives and their interactions with the world around them. MYP fosters students' confidence in self-directed learning and encourages connections between learning in the classroom and the real world.

Bulletin boards around the school are centered around the MYP learner profile attributes. Each month, PVMS focuses on a different attribute. Students engage in different activities over the course of the month. Last month, students worked to be "inquirers" during their Advisory period as well as Science classes.



## Pride in Putnam Valley Awards

**PVCS D awarded Pride In Putnam Valley to our Putnam Valley Fire Department.** Their dedication to guiding our children, leading Fire Prevention Week and First Responder events, and partnering with us in so many ways is truly appreciated. The generosity of these volunteers to support and celebrate our students is second to none. We are forever grateful to these heroes.



## Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony, Monday, June 10, 5:30 pm



The Putnam Valley Athletic Hall of Fame honors success and preserves the legacy and tradition established by outstanding athletes, coaches, contributors, and athletic programs. This year, we will proudly induct three remarkable individuals: Michael and Steve Ammann (Class of 2004 - Lacrosse and Football), and Rahhim Shillingford (Class of 2013 - Football). These inductees exemplify the caliber of excellence embraced by our Hall of Fame and we celebrate their lasting impact on our schools and community.



**Pride in Putnam Valley was also awarded to high school senior Sierra Gabriel** for her exceptional efforts in promoting and celebrating our high school athletic teams and student-athletes. Sierra successfully developed a social media program @PVTigers\_Athletics and skillfully memorialized meaningful moments for our students. Sierra will attend Ithaca College as a Park Scholarship recipient in the School of Communications.

