



Poughkeepsie City School District

2020-2021 Budget Update

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Agenda

- ✓ Budget Priorities
- ✓ New Directives From The Governor (03/27/2020)
- ✓ Budget Calendar if Budget Vote is Held June 2nd
- ✓ State-Aid Update
- ✓ Budget Matrix to Display Tax Impact Scenarios
- ✓ Recent Budget Development Activities
- ✓ Next Steps
- ✓ Discussion



2020-21 Budget Priorities

- A. Continuing existing academic programs and services

- B. This will be a challenge for several reasons:
 - The 2018-19 budget was understated and overspent by \$4.3 million.
 - The 2019-20 budget is also understated and does not accurately reflect the assumptions for staffing. This needs to be corrected in 2020-21.
 - Several key positions at the Cabinet level and other areas are currently vacant and need to be filled and reflected in the 2020-21 budget.
 - Funding needs to be carved-out for State allocated Community Schools Initiative.
 - State aid runs released on 04-01-20 decrease 2020-21 aid by \$1.5 million.
 - There will be a loss of grant funding, which currently covers some staffing positions (i.e. School Improvement Grants).

New Directives from the Governor

School Board Elections and Budget Vote Postponed

- Governor Cuomo signed [Executive Order 202.13](#). Included within this executive order is the announcement that all school elections are to be postponed until at least June 1, 2020, and subject to further directive as to the timing, location or manner of voting for such elections.
- A new budget calendar will have to be developed for PCSD upon more information becoming available.

Budget Calendar if June 2nd Budget Vote

SCHOOL BUDGET	MAY 19	JUNE 02
BUDGET VOTE	MAY 19	JUNE 02
MAIL BUDGET NOTICE	NO LATER THAN MAY 13	NO LATER THAN MAY 27
BUDGET HEARING	MAY 05 - 12	MAY 19 - 26
BOARD'S BUDGET MADE AVAILABLE (NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS BEFORE HEARING)	APRIL 28 - MAY 05	MAY 12 - 19
ADMINISTRATOR SALARY DISCLOSURE	MAY 19	JUNE 02
COMMISSIONER POSTS	MAY 15	MAY 29
SUBMIT TO SED	MAY 05 - 12	MAY 19 - 26
MAKE AVAILABLE WITH BUDGET	APRIL 28 - MAY 05	MAY 12 - 19
PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD	MAY 19	JUNE 02
COMMISSIONER POSTS	MAY 08	MAY 22
MAKE AVAILABLE WITH BUDGET	APRIL 28 - MAY 05	MAY 12 - 19
BOE APPROVE AND SUBMIT TO SED	APRIL 27	MAY 11

State-Aid Update

State-Aid for School Districts

- ❑ Revised State-aid runs were released on April 1st and show a reduction of \$1.5M in Foundation Aid. This translates into State-aid being \$1.5 million less in 2020-21 compared to the current level.
- ❑ There is new language in the budget bill pursuant to the Federal Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES” Act). The amount that the District is entitled to receive from these sources will be subtracted from a district’s State-aid allocation.
- ❑ Additionally, the budget bill gives the state budget director the ability to make midyear adjustments to the budget that would further reduce appropriated amounts if the State budget is deemed “unbalanced” during the year.

State-Aid Update

REVENUES	2020-21 Draft	2019-20 Budget
Budgeted/Projected Revenues	\$ 102,273,747	\$ 102,246,021
Appropriated Fund Balance	500,000	2,500,000
Insurance Proceeds		400,000
Tax Levy Increase	TBD	
Total Revenues	\$ 102,773,747	\$ 105,146,021

Note: Just to get the 2020-21 revenues to the current level would require a 8.02% tax increase.

Budget Matrix to Display Tax Impact Scenarios

ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

Budget Matrix to Display Various Tax Impacts	If 2020-21 Budget Set At	Additional Tax Revenue Needed	Tax Levy Increase Needed	Budget Cuts Needed from Current Budget
If new budget set as of draft 4-3-2020	\$ 107,063,000	\$ 4,289,253	14.51%	\$ 0
If new budget reduced by \$1M	106,063,000	3,289,253	11.13%	1,000,000
If new budget reduced by \$2M less	105,063,000	2,289,253	7.75%	2,000,000
If new budget set at \$2.25M less	104,813,000	2,039,253	6.90%	2,250,000
If new budget set at \$2.5M less	104,563,000	1,789,253	6.05%	2,500,000
If new budget set at \$2.75M less	104,313,000	1,539,253	5.21%	2,750,000

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Recent Budget Development Activities

Since the last Board meeting, the primary focus has been conducting a thorough review of staffing.

- The current budget allocates 73% of all resources to salaries and benefits.
- Given the significance of staffing expenses in PCSD's budget, it is critical to manage those resources well.
- As a rule of thumb, providing PreK-12 education is labor intensive and staffing costs in the range of 70% of total budget is typical.

Recent Budget Development Activities Staffing Analysis

Elementary Level: Classroom Review:

- All class sizes were reviewed at all elementary buildings
- Findings:
 - ❖ Potentially could reduce 5 teaching FTE's overall

Middle School and High School Levels:

- Reviewed all teacher assignments by teacher (total sections assigned per individual teacher)
- Reviewed all sections by course name to discover small class sizes
- Findings:
 - ❖ Potential FTE reductions of approximately 40 were identified. However, upon further investigation and confirmation, it became apparent that the data was not accurate.
 - ❖ The data revised on 04-03-20 and teachers are for the most part fully assigned.
 - ❖ Still have to re-analyze class sizes for savings.

Next Steps

Continue Evaluating Staffing Levels

- Support Staff Positions
 - Filled and unfilled positions

- Administrative Positions
 - Filled and unfilled positions

- Maximize the savings identified in the teaching staff analysis

Review of BOCES Contracts

Review Other Expenditure Areas

Development of Community Schools Initiative

Discussion

Discussion/Questions/Comments

