



May 30, 2023

Poughkeepsie City School District Parents and Caregivers,

Terrific Tuesday. I hope that everyone had a great holiday weekend. We are quickly approaching the end of the academic year and as we prepare for the end-of-the-year festivities this correspondence serves as an important update for the month of June.

District 23-24 Budget

The 23-24 budget was authorized by our community on May 16, 2023. At an approval rating of 76.32 percent, the \$135.9 million budget was approved, supporting the school district's momentum in elevating student success under its 5-year strategic plan. Voters also approved two propositions enabling the district to continue improving the infrastructure of all schools through the Strong Schools Equal Strong Communities Capital Improvement Project. The creation of a Capital Reserve fund, which will help the district with future capital expenses, was also approved by the voters. Capital reserve funds are established to pay the costs of construction, reconstruction, renovation and acquisition of district property. Capital reserves help to offset future expenditures, reducing and sometimes eliminating any impact on taxes. In addition, voters re-elected Thomas O'Neill and Bob Creedon as school board trustees for three-year terms. Both trustees' new terms begin July 1 and end June 30, 2026.

The approved budget will enable the district to proceed with investing in the following programmatic areas:

Instructional Program	Student Support Program	Operational Program
Maintaining Learning Loss Staff hired using COVID relief funds that expire this year**	Maintaining Social Emotional Staff hired using COVID relief funds that expire this year**	Maintaining Operational Staff hired using COVID relief funds that expire this year
Expanding Professional Development Opportunities	Expanding Professional Development Opportunities	Implementation of Energy Performance Contract*
Expanded PreK-8 Academic Supports **	Expanding Social Emotional Supports **	Safety and Security Upgrades
Expanding Dual Language Program (PreK - 1)	Reimagining/Reinstating Evening Food Program **	Site Upgrades
Expanding SIFE (Students with Interrupted Formal Ed) and Newcomer Programming at PHS	Additional Extended Learning Programming ** PMS and PHS	Expansion of Automated Employee Attendance System
Expanding ENL Supports at Morse, Warring and PHS	Athletic Programming and Facilities upgrades **	Upgrading Cafeteria Vehicles and Equipment*
Expanding Supports and Programming for Students with Exceptionalities	Expanded Community Schools Programming ** All District Schools	Continued investments in Facilities and Maintenance • Equipment • Service Contracts • Professional Development
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Advancing Pathway Transformation Work** • Computer Science Pathway at PMS and PHS • Arts Pathway at PHS (duplicate from above) • Doubling BOCES CTE Student Slots • Transition Coordinator (SWE) • Career Technical Education Liaison		
Phase IV of Instructional Furniture Upgrades	* Not funded through the General Fund	** Directly Supports PCSD's Community School Model



Summer Programming

Due to a large amount of capital improvement work being done to district schools, summer programming will look different this year for PCSD students. The Poughkeepsie City School District will be offering an extended school year programming for students with exceptionalities and high school students seeking to recover credits. Additionally, at home summer enrichment materials will be made available to elementary school students. The Poughkeepsie City School District is working with many of its community school partners to learn about the various summer programming options that will be available. A summer programming list of opportunities is being finalized and will be shared in June.

Important June Dates

- Month of June – **Elementary and Middle School Moving Up Day Ceremonies**
Dates, Locations, and Times Varying (Check with your child's school)
- June 7th – **Regular Board of Education Meeting**
- June 14th – **Start of Regents Testing (Secondary)**
- June 19th – **Juneteenth (All Schools and District Offices Closed)**
- June 21st – **Code of Conduct Public Hearing/Workshop Meeting**
Location: Columbus Building • Time: 6:30 pm
- June 21st, 22nd, 23rd – **½ day of instruction (Elementary Schools)**
- June 23rd – **Last Day of School (All students)**
- June 23rd – **Poughkeepsie High School Graduation**
Location: Poughkeepsie Athletic Complex • Time: 6:00 pm

As the 22-23 school year comes to a close, I want to thank you for your continued partnership in the education of our children. Our children's success is dependent on a school, home, and community approach to addressing their academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs and creating greater opportunities for them to develop as responsible youth.

Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser
Superintendent of Schools

CC: BOE



30 de mayo de 2023

Padres y cuidadores del distrito escolar de la ciudad de Poughkeepsie,

Un martes estupendo. Espero que todos hayan tenido un gran fin de semana festivo. Nos estamos acercando rápidamente al final del año académico y mientras nos preparamos para las festividades de fin de año esta correspondencia sirve como una actualización importante para el mes de junio.

Presupuesto del Distrito 23-24

El presupuesto 23-24 fue autorizado por nuestra comunidad el 16 de mayo de 2023. Con una aprobación del 76.32 por ciento, el presupuesto de \$135.9 millones fue aprobado, apoyando el ímpetu del distrito escolar en elevar el éxito estudiantil bajo su plan estratégico de 5 años. Los votantes también aprobaron dos proposiciones que permiten al distrito continuar mejorando la infraestructura de todas las escuelas a través del Proyecto de Mejoras Capitales Escuelas Fuertes Igualan Comunidades Fuertes. La creación de un fondo de reserva de capital, que ayudará al distrito con futuros gastos de capital, también fue aprobada por los votantes. Los fondos de reserva de capital se establecen para pagar los costes de construcción, reconstrucción, renovación y adquisición de propiedades del distrito. Las reservas de capital ayudan a compensar gastos futuros, reduciendo y a veces eliminando cualquier impacto en los impuestos. Además, los votantes reeligieron a Thomas O'Neill y Bob Creedon como administradores del consejo escolar por periodos de tres años. Los nuevos mandatos de ambos fideicomisarios comienzan el 1 de julio y terminan el 30 de junio de 2026.

El presupuesto aprobado permitirá al distrito proceder a invertir en las siguientes áreas programáticas:

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Programación de Verano

Debido a una gran cantidad de trabajo de mejora de capital que se está haciendo a las escuelas del distrito, la programación de verano se verá diferente este año para los estudiantes PCSD. El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie ofrecerá una programación de año escolar extendido para estudiantes con excepcionalidades y estudiantes de secundaria que buscan recuperar créditos. Además, se pondrán a disposición de los estudiantes de primaria materiales de enriquecimiento de verano en casa. El Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Poughkeepsie está trabajando con muchos de sus socios escolares de la comunidad para conocer las diversas opciones de programación de verano que estarán disponibles. Se está finalizando una lista de oportunidades de programación de verano que se compartirá en junio.

Fechas importantes de junio

Mes de junio - **Ceremonias del Día de Ascenso de Escuela Primaria e Intermedia**

Las fechas, lugares y horarios varían (Consulte con la escuela de su hijo)

7 de junio - **Reunión Regular de la Junta de Educación**

14 de junio - **Comienzo de los exámenes Regents (Secundaria)**

19 de Junio - **Juneteenth (Todas las Escuelas y Oficinas del Distrito Cerradas)**

21 de junio - **Audiencia Pública del Código de Conducta/Reunión de Taller**

Lugar: Edificio Columbus • Hora: 6:30 pm

Junio 21, 22, 23 - **½ día de instrucción (Escuelas Primarias)**

23 de junio - **Último día de clases (Todos los estudiantes)**

23 de junio - **Graduación de la Escuela Secundaria de Poughkeepsie**

Lugar: Complejo Atlético de Poughkeepsie • Hora: 6:00 pm

A medida que el año escolar 22-23 llega a su fin, quiero darle las gracias por su continua asociación en la educación de nuestros hijos. El éxito de nuestros hijos depende de un enfoque de la escuela, el hogar y la comunidad para abordar sus necesidades académicas, sociales, emocionales y de bienestar y crear mayores oportunidades para que se desarrollen como jóvenes responsables.

Disfruten del buen tiempo.

Suyo en Educación,

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser
Superintendente de Escuelas

CC: BOE