



# POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2020-2021 Budget Presentation May 19, 2020

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# Agenda



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- Budget Update
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# 2020-21 Budget Challenges

As noted on previous budget presentations, the District has faced numerous financial challenges in excess of \$9 million in the upcoming 2020-2021 fiscal year.

- The factors include the 2019-2020 budget being understated, loss of State-aid, grants expiring, proceeds from workers compensation reserve expiring, contractual obligations, and additional costs relating to the mandated Community Schools' program.

# School Board Elections and Budget Vote

| DATE                                  | ACTION   | BY WHOM            |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| May 11<br>(30 days prior to the vote) | DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS: All <b>nominating petitions</b> must be received by the District Clerk no later than May 11 for a candidate to be placed on the ballot.          | District Clerk     |
| May 12                                | DEADLINE TO PUBLISH <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> - first installment of two.  | District Clerk     |
| May 13 - June 8                       | DEADLINE TO PUBLISH <b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> - second installment of two.   | District Clerk     |
| May 14                                | <b>Request for BOE Budget Meeting</b> . DEADLINE TO TRANSMIT <b>MILITARY BALLOTS</b> TO MILITARY VOTERS.   | District Clerk     |
| May 19                                | DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL BOARD TO <b>ADOPT THE BUDGET</b> .   | Board of Education |
| May 22                                | DEADLINE TO FILE <b>PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD</b>   | COO                |
| May 22 - June 2                       | DEADLINE TO MAIL <b>POSTCARD</b> CONTAINING DATES OF: ELECTION; BUDGET HEARING; and DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED VOTER<br>DEADLINE TO MAIL <b>ABSENTEE BALLOT</b> AND POSTAGE PAID <b>RETURN ENVELOPE</b> . | District Clerk     |
| May 26 - June 9                       | <b>BUDGET PRESENTATION DOCUMENTS</b> AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC ON WEBSITE  | COO                |
| May 28                                | <b>VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING TO PRESENT THE BUDGET</b>  | District Clerk     |
| May 30                                | DEADLINE FOR <b>VOTER REGISTRATION</b>   | District Clerk     |
| June 3                                | DEADLINE FOR <b>MAILING BUDGET NOTICE</b>  | COO                |
| <b>JUNE 9</b>                         | <b>BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION DATE</b><br><b>Absentee ballots must be received no later than <u>June 9 at 5PM</u></b>  |                    |

# School Board Elections and Budget Vote

As indicated on the previous slide, the District must physically receive the absentee ballots by 5 PM on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Ballots received after that time are not allowed to be counted.

- Please allow 3-5 business days for mail delivery time on your ballot

# Budget Update

We are pleased to report that we have made significant progress on the 2020-2021 budget.

- The proposed tax levy increase now stands at 3.55%. This is down 1.35% from the 4.9% originally projected and far below the calculated tax cap of 6%.
- The total 2020-2021 budget is decreasing by **\$680,016**, or **0.65%** to a level of \$104.5 million when compared to the 2019-20 budget.
- For the 2020-2021 budget we have held the Appropriated Fund Balance to \$500,000, down from a \$2.5 million appropriation in the 2019-2020 budget.
- Staffing reductions of 60.60 FTE's are necessary to balance the 2002-2021 budget.

# Budget Update

| Staff Reductions<br>Description | Full-Time Equivalent |  |               |                     |             |             |             |             |             |              |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                 | Central Office       | High School  | Middle School | Alternative Program | Clinton ES  | Morse ES    | Krieger ES  | Warring ES  | ELC         | Totals       |
| Administrators                  | 2.00                 | 1.00   |               | 2.00                | 1.00        | 1.00        | 1.00        | 1.00        | 1.00        | 10.00        |
| Elementary Teachers             |                      |  |               |                     | 2.00        |             |             |             |             | 2.00         |
| Alternative Program Teachers    |                      |  |               | 6.20                |             |             |             |             |             | 6.20         |
| Middle School Teachers          |                      |  | 12.20         |                     |             |             |             |             |             | 12.20        |
| High School Teachers            |                      | 10.40  |               |                     |             |             |             |             |             | 10.40        |
| Support Staff Typist            | 1.00                 | 3.00   | 1.00          | 1.00                |             |             | 1.00        |             |             | 6.00         |
| TA's                            |                      |  |               | 2.00                | 2.00        |             |             | 1.00        | 3.00        | 8.00         |
| Health Aides                    |                      |  |               | 3.00                |             |             |             |             |             | 3.00         |
| Security Monitor                |                      |  |               | 1.00                |             |             |             |             |             | 1.00         |
| <b>Totals</b>                   | <b>3.00</b>          | <b>14.40</b>   | <b>13.20</b>  | <b>15.20</b>        | <b>5.00</b> | <b>1.00</b> | <b>2.00</b> | <b>2.00</b> | <b>4.00</b> | <b>58.80</b> |
| Reduction Subtotal              | 58.80                | <p>Reductions can be reduced by (11) due to vacant positions and retirements: administrators (3), elementary teachers (2), secondary teachers (2), Typist (1), and TA's (3).</p> |               |                     |             |             |             |             |             |              |
| Vacancy and Retirements         | - 11.00              |  |               |                     |             |             |             |             |             |              |
| Total Number Impacted           | 47.80*               |  |               |                     |             |             |             |             |             |              |

\* Efforts to restore as many impacted staffing positions before September 2020 will continue. Retirements prior to September 2020 will also reduce total number impacted.

# Budget Update

- Unfortunately, there will be a reduction in afterschool clubs, but we are able to maintain all athletics at the same level as the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Class sizes will increase
- Some full-time teaching positions will be reduced to less than full-time
- Reduction in clerical and teacher assistant support
- Discontinuance of District Alternative program\*\*
- Limited number of after school District-sponsored clubs\*\*
- • Reduction in District-sponsored afterschool extra learning time/programming \*\* –

\* A considerable amount of time, research, and analysis has gone into determining which reductions would have the least impact on student instructional, social, emotional and wellness programming.

\*\* Alternatives have been identified to address the loss of District-sponsored programming and supports.

# Budget Update

We are encouraged that new programming is offered in the budget through the community schools funding:

- walking school buses,
- increases in librarian support at elementary schools,
- Saturday Morning Lights Initiative (36 weeks of PK-12 academic, social, emotional and wellness programming)
- on-line literacy resources for elementary students,
- continued art and music programming at elementary schools,
- Parent as Partners Empowerment Center (PAPEC).

# Budget Update

| Proposed 2020-21 Budget           | 2020-21 Budget | 2019-20 Budget | Dollar Change | Percent Change | Change in Tax Levy |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Revenues                          | \$ 104,466,005 | \$ 105,146,021 | \$ (680,016)  | -0.65%         |                    |
| Expenses                          | 104,466,005    | 105,146,021    | (680,016)     | -0.65%         |                    |
| <b>Proposed Tax Levy Increase</b> | -              | -              |               |                | <b>3.55%</b>       |

# Tax Levy Impacts

For Illustrative Purposes Only

| Budget Matrix to Display Various Tax Impacts | Tax Levy % Increase | Revenue Generated | Additional Budget Cuts Needed |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| If Tax Levy is set at                        | 3.55%               | \$ 1,049,089      | \$ -                          |
| If Tax Levy is set at                        | 3.25%               | 960,433           | 88,655                        |
| If Tax Levy is set at                        | 3.00%               | 886,554           | 162,535                       |
| If Tax Levy is set at                        | 2.75%               | 812,674           | 236,414                       |
| If Tax Levy is set at                        | 2.50%               | 738,795           | 310,294                       |

# Planned Activities to Help Mitigate Negative Impact of Budget Reductions

- Ongoing cost savings analysis and activity to identify operational expenditure reductions
- Secured BOCES Grant writing service to pursue funding opportunities to support PCSD student programming and staff supports
- Continued outreach to community organizations to provide instructional, social, emotional, wellness programming to PCSD students
- Continue to leverage the thought-partnership of the Children's Cabinet to identify opportunities for PCSD students, families and staff that were not previously in place
- Obtained new Empire grant for PMS and PHS next year to provide programming during and after school for students

# Next Steps

- Board action necessary to approve the 2020-2021 budget proposal.
- Posting of Budget Materials on District website no later than May 26<sup>th</sup> and also available by contacting the District Clerk at 845.489.1254. █
- Budget hearing (virtual) on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
- Counting of absentee ballots on June 9<sup>th</sup> to determine Board elections and budget vote counts

# Discussion/Questions/Comments

