

Proposed Budget Slated for May 19th Vote

Peru Central School District's Board of Education has established a \$42,148,563 proposed expenditures plan for voter consideration noon until 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 19th in the district's high school gymnasium.

The budget-to-budget increase is a 2.42%, resulting in an estimated overall 2.82% increase of the school district's total property tax levy. The proposal calls for a forecasted tax rate increase of 2.28%, from \$17.51 to \$17.91 per assessed \$1,000 of property value.

The proposed expenditures plan continues the conservative approach that has helped stabilize the school district's financial foundation in recent years.



**Budget Vote &
School Board
Election**

Tuesday, May 19th

**Peru Central
High School
Gymnasium**

12-9 p.m.

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Proposed 2009-10 Budget

	Actual 2007-08 School Year	Actual 2008-09 School Year	Proposed 2009-10 School Year
Budget	\$40,040,686	\$41,152,074	\$42,148,563
Budget increase from previous school year	7.42%	2.78%	2.42%
Tax rate	\$17.64	\$17.51	\$17.91 (preliminary forecast)
Tax rate increase from previous school year	-2.97%	-0.73% (drop of less than 1%)	2.28% (preliminary forecast)
Tax levy	\$12,971,685	\$13,475,839	\$13,856,478 (preliminary forecast)
Tax levy increase from previous school year	6.57%	3.89%	2.82% (preliminary forecast)

Estimated School Tax Bill Increase

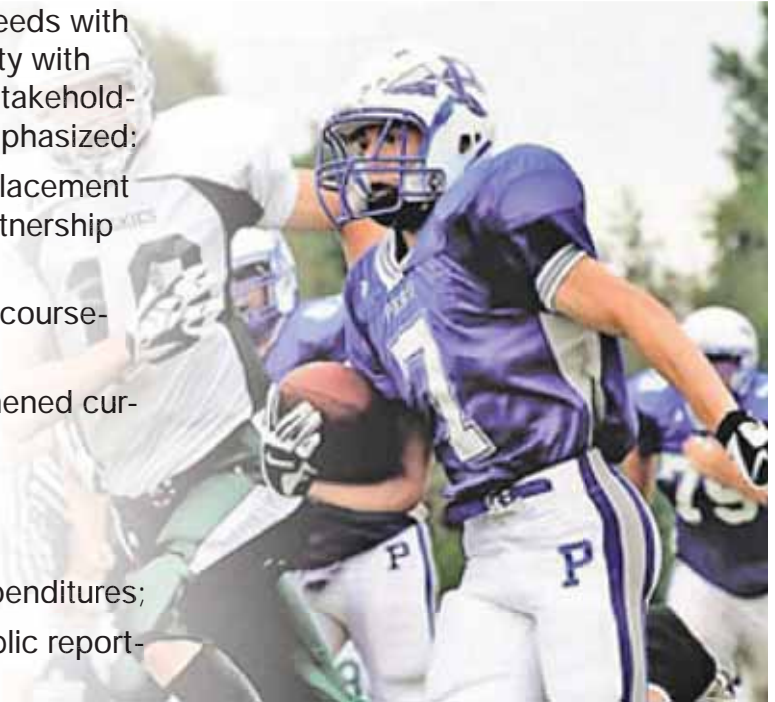
Assessed Value of Home	Enhanced STAR	Basic STAR
\$120,000	\$23.96	\$36.00
\$100,000	\$15.96	\$28.00
\$80,000	\$7.96	\$20.00

Return on Investment: Continuous Improvement

Peru Central places focus on balancing student needs with budgetary constraints, and providing the community with good 'return on investment.' During recent years, stakeholders have identified – and the school district has emphasized:

- Broader student engagement with advanced placement and dual-enrollment college coursework in partnership with Clinton Community College;
- Increased student success with Regents-level coursework;
- Stronger instructional programs and a strengthened curriculum;
- Improved support services;
- Updated policies and protocols;
- A conservative approach to budgeting and expenditures;
- Goal setting, continuous improvement and public reporting of progress.

Such efforts will continue throughout the 2009-2010 school year, too.



Strengthening Resource Management Practices

The Empire State's mission to improve public accountability includes having the Comptroller's Office audit each of the state's approximately 830 school districts, charter schools and Boards of Cooperative Services (BOCES) by year 2010. More than 375 such audits have already been completed, including last year's audit of Peru Central. Such audits are intended to help school districts and BOCES enhance and improve their practices, policies and protocols associated with

fiscal accountability and resource management. Through the help of the State Comptroller's Office, and the assistance of our internal auditor and independent auditing firm, many of Peru Central's internal controls and accounting practices and procedures have been updated these past several years. As part of continuous improvement, Peru Central will continue such efforts next school year, as well.

Referendum for Three 'Regular' Buses

Voters will also be presented with a referendum intended to authorize the purchase of three 'regular' school buses, as part of Peru Central's standard practice of updating the bus fleet. The school district strives to keep a well-maintained

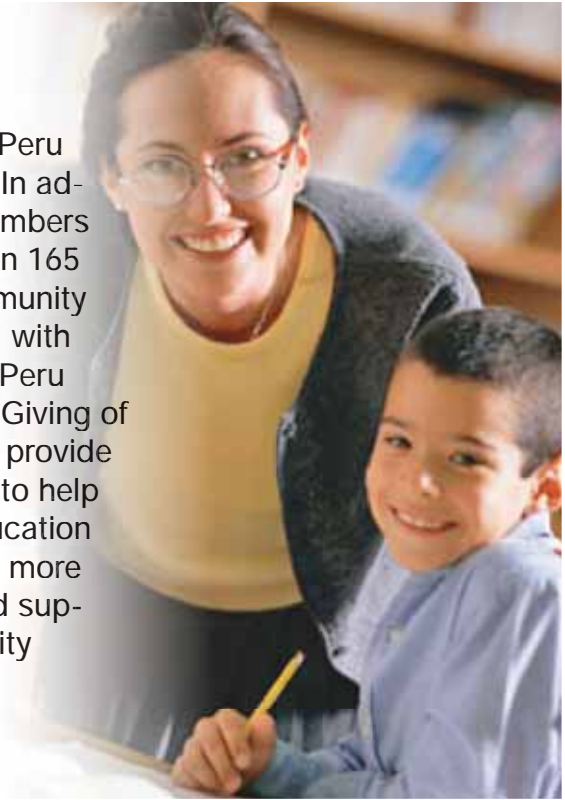
fleet of school buses. The school district would de-commission three school buses currently in regular service, once the three new school buses are delivered and ready for service.

Volunteers Make a Difference

Parents and other adult volunteers have logged in more than 1,540 hours of voluntary service at the primary school, intermediate school, middle school, high school and with the special education program since September 2008. This represents approximately twice the hours of non-employee adult volunteerism at Peru CSD compared with two years ago.

Such an extensive volunteer effort helps the school district's teachers and support staff members advance programs and instructional services for

the children enrolled at Peru Central School District. In addition, school board members have provided more than 165 hours of voluntary community service since July 2008, with their governing roles at Peru Central School District. Giving of one's time and talent to provide a boost to children and to help provide solid public education programming is yet one more indicator of a caring and supportive school community



Details on the proposed budget are available via school offices, the district clerk's office at 643-6002 and the school district's Web site at www.perucsd.org.

Annual Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 12th

7 p.m., HS Cafeteria

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