

Peru Central

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IMMEDIATE FREEZE ON SPENDING AT PERU CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Exceptions for Maximizing State Aid, Grant Monies, Health & Safety

Based on Governor David A. Paterson's actions yesterday associated with New York State's cash shortage and to help keep the State's current budget in balance, Peru CSD is putting an immediate freeze on routine expenditures across campus, according to Peru Central Superintendent of Schools A. Paul Scott.

Over the weekend, the Governor ordered \$750 million in reductions to scheduled December payments. No specific notice has been given to Peru CSD so far. Many of the state's rural school districts, Peru Central included, rely on state aid for the majority of their revenues, so the reductions in payments to Peru Central require prompt attention, Scott said. State aid and STAR payments to school districts are approximately \$582M [77%] of the total monies the Governor is withholding statewide.

Peru Central's routine purchases are frozen as of today, unless those purchases are related to maximizing state aid, spending federal or state grant monies previously approved for expenditures at Peru Central, or attending to health issues or safety matters. Exceptions may be authorized for particular purchases not related to one of the above categories only after Principal, Director or Operations Supervisor justification to the School Business Administrator, coupled with final authorization by the Superintendent of Schools.

Peru Central already had already been examining very closely each and every vacant full-time and part-time position, to determine if that position calls for a replacement, or if two or more positions can be consolidated to reduce overall district employment. Such reductions in employment via attrition are preferred over other options, whenever the situation allows, Scott said.

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