

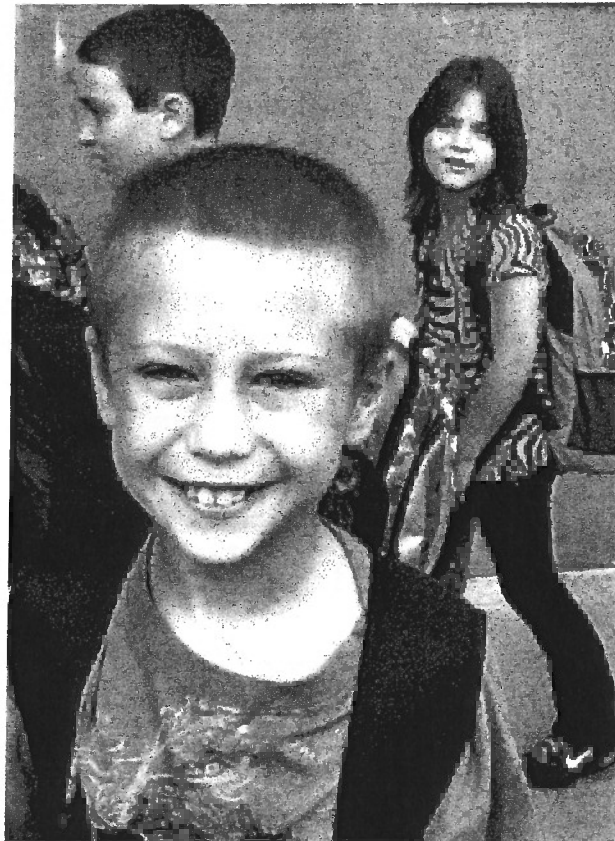


PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY REPORT

May 2013

Proposed Budget Slated for May 21, 2013 Vote

Peru Central School District's Board of Education has established a **\$40,974,046** **proposed expenditure plan** for voter consideration **noon until 9 PM, Tuesday, May 21, 2013** in the district's secondary school gymnasium. The proposed budget calls for an **increase in spending of 1.19%**. That translates into an increase of \$481,803 compared to the current year's budget. Details regarding the budget proposal are featured within this Community Report.



Budget Vote & School Board Election

Tuesday, May 21st

**Peru Central
Secondary
School
Gymnasium**

12-9 p.m.

*A 2013-2014
Budget Overview
Presentation can be
found on the
District's website,
www.perucsd.org.*

Over \$1 Million in Budget Reductions

A great deal of planning and discussion went into attempting to sustain programs and support services into next year. Although reductions are becoming increasingly challenging, **over \$1,000,000 in cost reductions were made** in an attempt to balance the fiscally challenging

period school districts throughout New York find themselves immersed in and the academic requirements of the Peru Central School Districts students. Careful consideration was given to prior year cuts in creating this year's reductions.

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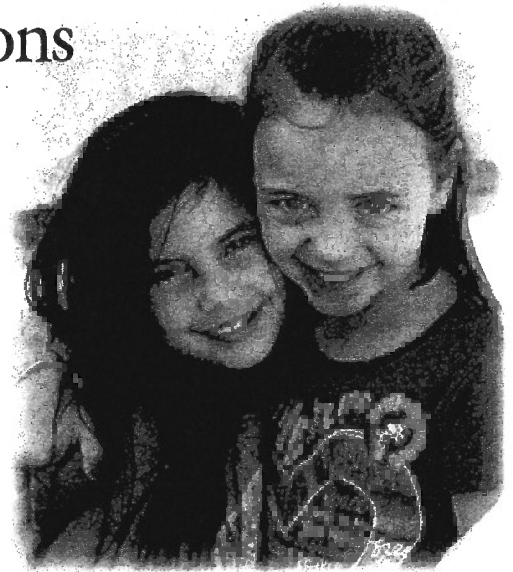
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The following represents a sample of cost reductions slated for the 2013-14 Budget:

1. The equivalent of one (1) clerical position.
2. Three (3) Elementary Teachers.
3. The equivalent of 3.4 Secondary Teachers
4. Four (4) Teacher Assistants.
5. One (1) Custodial Worker.
6. Two (2) Special Education Teachers.
7. One (1) School Psychologist.
8. One (1) Teacher Aide.
9. The equivalent of one (1) Art/Music Teacher.
10. The equivalent of 1.6 Academic Intervention Services Teachers.



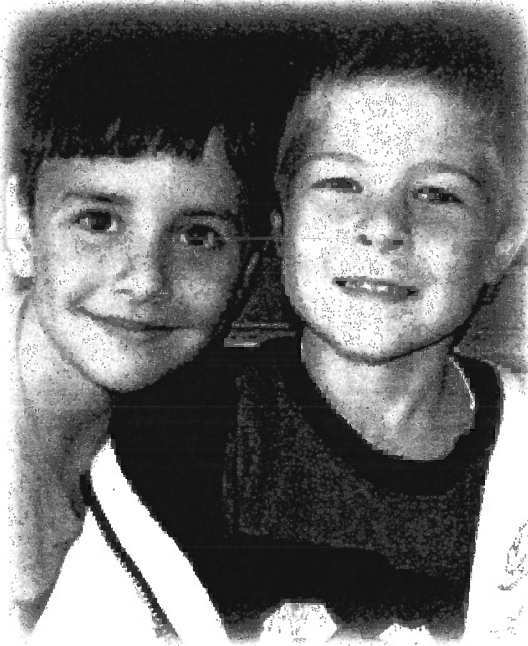
Although not all the positions were able to be reduced through attrition, most of the positions were eliminated either through a resignation or retirement. Some employees who were reduced to part-time last year were restored to full-time as a result of the resignation or retirement of a peer.

Estimated School Tax Bill Increase

Assessed Value of Home	Enhanced STAR	Basic STAR
\$80,000	\$14.80	\$37.00
\$100,000	\$29.60	\$51.80
\$150,000	\$66.60	\$88.80
\$200,000	\$103.60	\$125.80

Based on the state budget plan enacted by the Governor and Legislature, the school board estimates a 3.957% increase of the school district's total property tax levy for 2013-14. The proposal calls for an **estimated tax rate increase of 3.95% from \$18.68 to \$ 19.42** per

assessed \$1,000 of property value. The adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase under the statutory tax levy limit and therefore **does not exceed the state tax cap** and must be approved by a simple majority of the qualified voters present and voting.



Superintendent Budget Message

Peru Central School District is committed to providing a quality education to every student at a reasonable cost to the community. This is the goal because a strong, healthy school system does more than provide opportunity to students; it also ensures the future value of our community as the best place to live and to own a home.

Our #1 priority is to provide solid teaching and learning experiences that benefit students. Rather than unfairly burden any single program, the District plan will improve programs by remodeling how it delivers instruction and supports students. The District will aggressively explore cost saving opportunities to be more efficient and maximize use of available State aid.

District business is being conducted in a fiscally responsible manner using conservative budgeting practices and a constant eye to do things better. Efforts are underway to eliminate program redundancy, streamline management, better align services, and prune where necessary. The District minimized the impact of forced teacher reductions by offering a retirement option that immediately saved money and lowered future operating costs.

Innovation has caused some growing pains as change often does, but these efforts have saved opportunities for the students. Every short term decision to conserve resources seeks to strengthen the District's long-term position to meet future challenges. Recent examples that save money include:

- Centralized print services that eliminate individual print stations
- Energy contracts that economize facility energy use

- Audit of bus runs to do more with less

Our District has developed strategic partnerships with the Town of Peru, Clinton County, area colleges and businesses to provide new opportunities and to reduce costs. For example:

- Shared fueling with the Town will allow the district to reduce costs and eliminate the need for duplicate infrastructure on campus.
- New learning partnerships will connect our students to area colleges and businesses, providing required credits and real-life learning experiences.

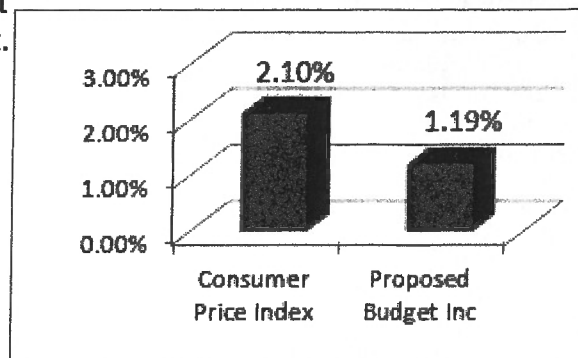
The District has adjusted its multi-year financial plan. Factored out are expectations that a large international company will be landing in our District. Factored in are conservative projections and an emphasis on closing the gap between revenue and expenses. Some late positive news from the State allowed the District to apply additional monies to ease reliance on remaining reserves.

Mark your calendar to vote on Tuesday, May 21st anytime from noon to 9 p.m. Voting will take place in the secondary school gymnasium. Your participation in the process serves to strengthen our schools and future decision making. In addition to the budget vote, district residents will have the opportunity to elect two (2) new Board of Education members to five year terms.

Consumer Price Index vs. Proposed Budget Increase

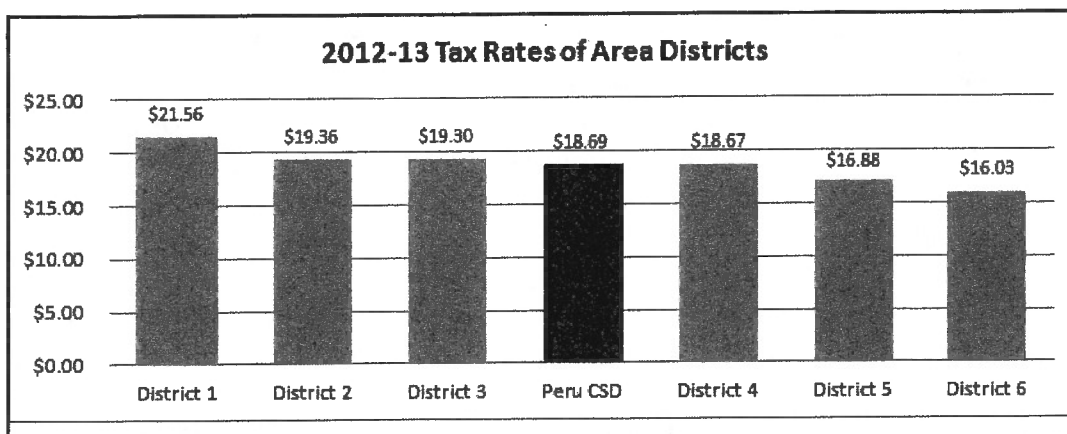
Similar to a household budget, school budgets are subject to price increases related to the free market. New York State has identified the appropriate consumer price index to consider for the 2013-14 Peru Central School District Proposed Budget to be 2.1 percent.

This compares favorably when aligned against the proposed increase of 1.19 percent in the 2013-14 Peru Central School District Budget.



Property Tax Levy Limit and Tax Rates

The property tax cap limit is an annual calculation unique to each school district which accounts for new development within the District and incorporates some exclusions. The Board of Education has elected a levy increase of 3.957% - this is below Peru's 2013-14 Tax Levy Limit. In addition, the Board of Education has worked to maintain a reasonable tax rate in relation to area school districts. The chart



above reflects the actual 2012-13 tax rates of area districts compared to Peru Central School District.

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

Annual Budget Hearing Tuesday, May 14, 2013 7 p.m., Community Room

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