



PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY REPORT

MAY 2023

PROPOSED BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION SLATED FOR MAY 16, 2023

BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday, May 16th
Peru High School
Community Room
12-9 p.m.



Peru Central School District's Board of Education has established a **\$52,977,093 proposed expenditure plan** for voters to consider by voting in person or requesting an absentee ballot because of a qualifying condition. **Absentee Ballots must be received by the District by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.** Questions regarding absentee ballots may be directed to the District Clerk at (518) 643-6002. The proposed budget calls for an **increase in overall spending of 1.96%.** The tax levy is forecast to **increase 2.38%** which doesn't exceed the tax levy limit. This tax levy increase attempts to balance the costs of sustaining a school district with the inflationary pressures everyone is experiencing. Details regarding the budget proposal are featured within this Community Report.

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

See www.perucsd.org for info.

WHEN & WHERE TO VOTE

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Noon - 9:00 p.m.**

**High School Community Room
17 School Street
Peru, NY**

WHAT AM I VOTING ON

2023-24 Budget No. 1

Bus Proposition No. 2

Board of Education Proposition No. 3

Board of Education Election

For more information on the 2023-24 Budget

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PROPOSED 2023-24 BUDGET SUMMARY

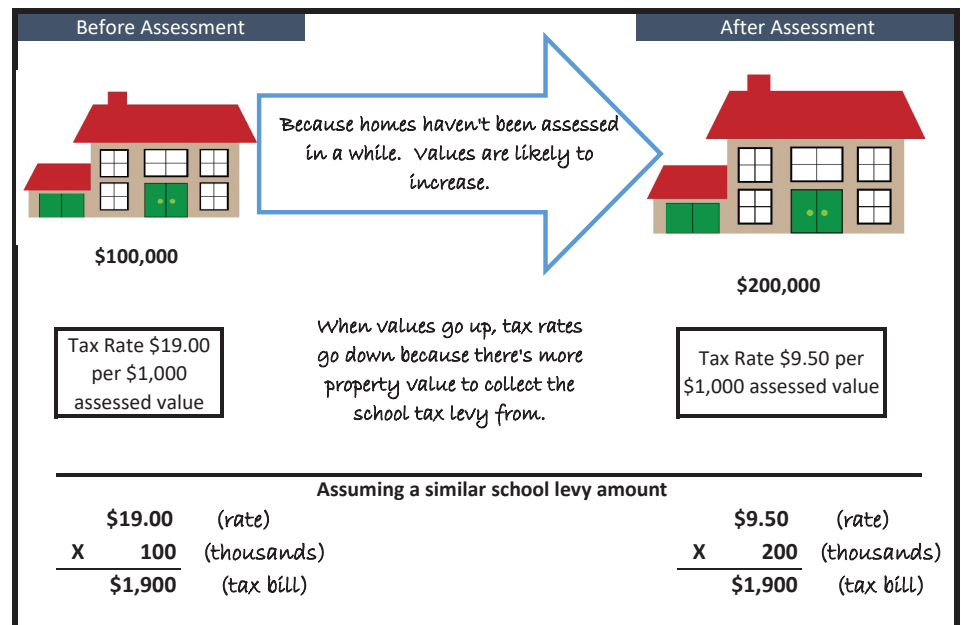
The Board of Education and the community of Peru Central School District worked diligently to craft the Proposed 2023-24 Annual Budget. The proposed budget seeks to maintain existing programs with only necessary enhancements and continue the District's efforts to expand educational, social, and emotional programs using federal COVID-19 relief funding. Several modest additions were made to the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget to improve instruction or operations:

1. Replace existing broken and repaired science tables
2. Clean and re-paint track and tennis court surfaces
3. Creation of a 0.5 FTE clerical position to support elementary library programming



PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND SCHOOL TAX RATE RELATIONSHIP

Increases in the assessed value of property will decrease the tax rate per thousand compared to a stagnant or decreasing property value. In a school district with increasing property values, the school tax levy amount is collected over a larger amount of property value. As a result, the tax rate per thousand decreases. The greater the total property tax assessment increase, the greater the tax rate decreases. The graphic below seeks to illustrate this relationship between assessed value and tax rates.



A Budget Notice will be released prior to the budget vote which should reflect tax rate estimates for each town within Peru Central School District. The updated assessed values and equalization rates were not available from Clinton County Real Property Office when this Community Report was printed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Desk of Scott Storms

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to providing a high-quality education for the students in our school district. Your dedication to creating an environment where students feel connected to their learning and a true sense of belonging to their schools is truly inspiring.

At Peru CSD, we know that a great education is more than just academics - it's about cultivating a love for learning and empowering our students to reach their full potential. As a team of learners, we are constantly striving to do what is best for our students, and we could not do it without your support.

I am honored to be a part of such a dedicated and passionate community of educators and parents. Together, we are creating an educational experience that will help our students succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Our goal is to continue to support social-emotional learning and improve instruction. The district will work closely with educational partners to provide high-quality professional learning opportunities for its teaching staff. By prioritizing social-emotional learning and investing in professional learning opportunities for its educators, the Peru Central School district can help ensure that all students have the support they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

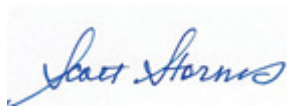
In this year's budget, the allowable tax levy limit increase for the 2023-2024 school year is 2.38%, or an additional \$452,864 from the 2022-2023 school year. This year's increase is within the allowable tax levy limit formula which was implemented in 2012. If the Board of Education had proposed exceeding

this limit, a supermajority (60% or above) of favorable votes would have been required in order to approve the budget. Since the Board did not elect to go above the allowable limit, a simple majority (above 50%) is what is needed to pass the budget.

The 2023-2024 budget for Peru CSD has been designed to maintain general fund programs, while incorporating only necessary enhancements. The focus of this budget is on expanding educational and social emotional programs using federal COVID-19 relief funds. This approach will enable the district to continue offering high-quality education and support to their students, while also addressing the challenges posed by students' learning loss following the pandemic. With the additional COVID relief funding, the district will be able to moderately expand its programs and services to better support the needs of its students, families, and communities.

Voting will take place Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the High School Community Room, from 12 noon to 9 p.m. The budget that will be placed before the taxpayers for the 2023-2024 year is \$52,977,093. This budget reflects a commitment to providing the best possible education and support to the students of Peru, even in the face of unprecedented challenges.

Sincerely,



Scott Storms

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Scott D. Storms - Peru CSD Superintendent



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PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

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 selected a levy increase of 2.38% - this is at Peru's 2023-24 Tax Levy Limit. The Board of Education has worked to maintain programs and class sizes during this challenging period.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSITION(S)

BUS PROPOSITION NO. 2

Authorize the purchase and, at the option of the Board, finance three (3) standard 65-passenger school buses, including related and ancillary equipment, at a maximum estimated cost of **\$162,871.95** each for a total aggregate maximum cost of **\$488,615.85**. State transportation aid will offset an estimated **90%** of the expense associated with the purchase of these buses.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSITION NO. 3

Authorize the Board of Education to change the term of office for board members from five (5) years to three (3) years pursuant to Section 2105(3) of the Education Law provided that the current term of office of incumbent board members may not be decreased and provided that board member vacancies that arise during each of the following three (3) years after the adoption of this proposition will be filled for terms that ensure, as nearly as possible, that equal numbers of board members will be elected each year.

For more information on the 2023-24 Budget



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