



PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY REPORT

MAY 2022

PROPOSED BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION SLATED FOR MAY 17, 2022

BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday, May 17th
Peru High School
Gymnasium
12-9 p.m.



Peru Central School District's Board of Education has established a **\$51,956,692 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 NLT May 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** The proposed budget calls for **an increase in overall spending of 3.95%**. The **tax levy is forecasted to increase 3.0%** 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 10, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

See www.perucsd.org for info.

WHEN & WHERE TO VOTE

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Noon - 9:00 p.m.**

**High School Gymnasium
17 School Street
Peru, NY**

WHAT AM I VOTING ON

- 2022-23 Budget No. 1
- Bus Proposition No. 2
- Retire Capital Reserve No. 3
- Create Capital Reserve No. 4
- Board of Education Election

For more information on the 2022-23 Budget

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PROPOSED 2022-23 BUDGET SUMMARY

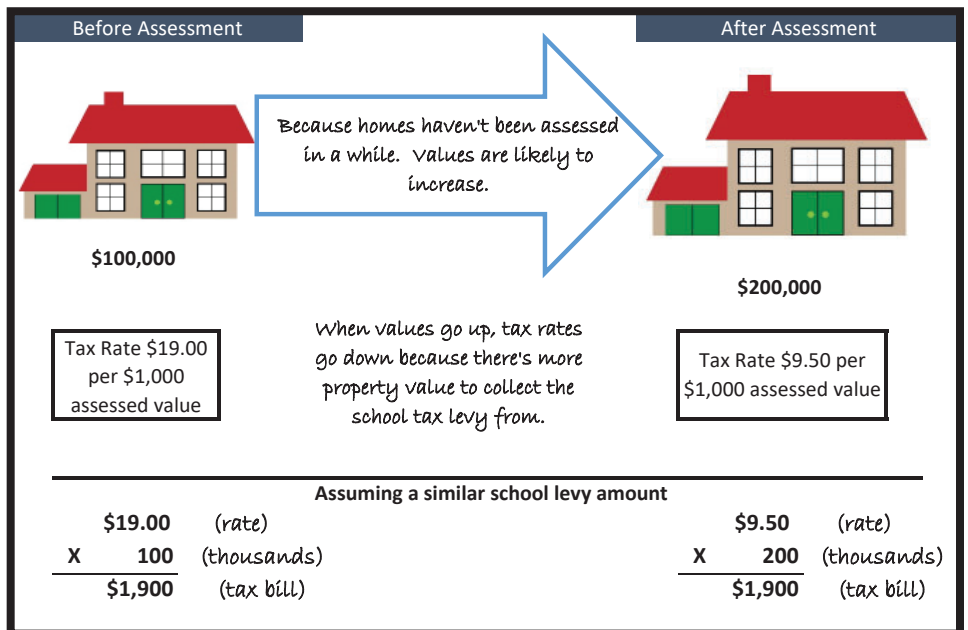
The Board of Education and the community of Peru Central School District worked diligently during a very demanding period to craft the Proposed 2022-23 Annual Budget. The uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge the school district. However, the District is hopeful that the 2022-23 school year will mark a continued transition from a pandemic to a more manageable threat. The proposed budget attempts to preserve existing programs and continue the District's efforts to close the academic and emotional gaps created by the COVID-19 pandemic. A blend of resources from the proposed 2022-23 Budget and the COVID-19 related federal grants should greatly assist the District in meeting its COVID-19 recovery challenges. A few modest additions were made to the Proposed 2022-23 Budget to improve instruction or operations:

1. Upgrading Obsolete Security Panels within the Door Access System
2. Expansion of Modified Sports Opportunities for Students
3. Establishing a Hardware Parts Replacement Account for the District's inventory of Chromebooks, Laptops and Math Calculators



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 equalizations rates were not available from Clinton County Real Property Office when this Community Report was printed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Desk of Mr. Scott Storms

Peru Central School is always committed to providing a quality and fiscally-sound education to our students. As a District, we recognize the work that needs to be done, while affirming our number one core belief of 'Students are our first priority.' We have gained momentum throughout this year; momentum realized through teamwork and collaboration that we will carry forward on a continued path of success.

In this year's budget, the allowable tax levy limit increase for the 2022-2023 school year is 3%, or an additional \$554,449 from the 2021-2022 school year. This year's increase is within the

per pupil cost of general education instruction by statistical analysis of the cost of general education.

With the additional resources, the District is looking to maintain current programming for the Peru Central School District students. We have received additional financial resources through Federal COVID-19 related grants, allowing the District to preserve existing programs and to continue the efforts to close the academic and social-emotional gaps created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our goal is to continue to build back our students' instructional competencies. We will continue to align our programs to support the education of our students, as we continue to get back to normal instruction following these past two years of a pandemic.


Voting will take place Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the High School Gymnasium, from 12 noon to 9 p.m. The budget that will be placed before

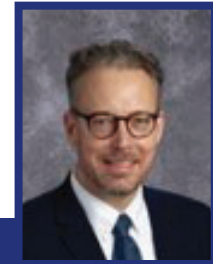
allowable tax levy limit formula which was implemented in 2012. If the Board of Education had proposed exceeding this limit, a supermajority (60% or above) of favorable votes would have been required in order to approve the budget. Since the Board did not elect to go above the allowable limit, a simple majority (above 50%) is what is needed to pass the budget.

There is also an increase of \$563,988 in Foundation Aid for the 2022-2023 school year. Foundation Aid was first strengthened in 2007-2008. Foundation Aid was designed to reflect the average

the taxpayers for the 2022-2023 year is \$51,956,692. This is a responsive budget that is committed to finding the right balance between educating our children, sustaining the future, and our responsibility to our taxpayers.

Sincerely,


Scott Storms



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Mr. 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 3.0% - this is at Peru's 2022-23 Tax Levy Limit.**

The Board of Education has worked to maintain programs and class sizes during this challenging period.

**PROPOSED SCHOOL BUS AND CAPITAL
RESERVE PROPOSITION(S)**

BUS PROPOSITION NO. 2

Authorized 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 **\$135,370** each and one (1) wheelchair school bus, including related and ancillary equipment, at a maximum estimated cost of **\$157,465** for a total aggregate maximum cost of **\$563,575.48**. State transportation aid will offset an estimated 88% of the expense associated with the purchase of these buses.

**Capital Reserve
Dissolution No. 3**

Authorize the Board of Education of Peru Central School District to liquidate and dissolve the "General Purpose Capital Reserve Fund." Previously created to fund a portion of the nearly completed Capital Project.

**Capital Reserve
Establishment No. 4**

Authorize the Board of Education of Peru Central School District to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in an ultimate amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of partially funding a future capital project within the next ten (10) years.

For more information on the 2022-23 Budget



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