



PULASKI

ACADEMY & CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Budget Edition 2024

2024-2025 School Budget **KEY DATES**

PUBLIC HEARING PACS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
6:30 p.m.

BUDGET VOTE RINGGOLD FIRE HALL

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ABSENTEE/EARLY MAIL BALLOTS

**For information,
contact the District Office
(315-298-5188).**

**Ballots must be received
by 5 p.m. on May 21, 2024.**

A Message From the Pulaski Board of Education

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our PACS staff and the entire school community for their unwavering commitment and dedication to our students and our school.

During the 2024-25 budget development process, the PACS Board of Education was committed to crafting a spending plan centered on enhancing academic opportunities, maintaining rigor, ensuring sustainability, and optimizing school operations. The outcome is a budget that advances high-quality programming for our students while being responsive to economic factors affecting both the District and the community.

The proposed 2024-25 school budget totals \$31,258,000, which is a 2.5% increase over last year. If approved by voters, this budget would result in a tax levy increase of 1.8% or \$132,357, which is below the District's calculated tax levy limit this year.

A public hearing to present the 2024-25 budget will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, in the Pulaski Middle-High School Library. Voting will take place Tuesday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ringgold Fire Hall. The vote will include the 2024-25 budget, a proposition to withdraw \$100,000 from the bus purchase reserve, the election of three members to the PACS Board of Education, and a proposition to create a capital reserve in the amount of \$2,000,000 to offset

costs for future renovations and improvements to District facilities. The District is currently designing a capital project to propose to voters next fall.

The budget also includes \$100,000 to be used toward a capital outlay project. The New York State Education Department allows for schools to complete capital improvement projects of up to \$100,000 during the proposed budget year. Building aid revenue is then received the following year (PACS state aid rate is 94%). The 2024-25 capital outlay project will renovate the technology classroom and shop at Pulaski Middle-High School.

The Pulaski Academy & Central School District has a tradition of sound financial planning and budget development. The Board of Education and administrative team will continue to be strategic with our resources to provide opportunities and programs for students that we can all be proud of.

Please visit www.pulaskicsd.org for PACS academic and extracurricular program highlights as well as more information on the 2024-25 school budget.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

PACS Board of Education

WHO CAN VOTE?

**According to New York Education Law,
in order to vote, you must be:**

- ✓ A citizen of the United States
- ✓ 18 years of age
- ✓ A resident of the district for at least 30 days

You do NOT have to be registered to vote.

You do NOT have to own property in the district, but you MUST reside in the district.

Identification and proof of residence WILL be requested at the time of voting.



PACS REVENUE BUDGET

	2023-24 ACTUAL BUDGET	2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET
STATE AID		
Foundation Aid	\$13,751,967	\$13,722,659
Community Schools Set Aside	100,000	100,000
Hardware & Technology Aid	18,139	17,686
Transportation Aid	1,173,754	1,213,247
BOCES Aid	1,981,969	2,625,251
Software, Library & Textbook Aid	72,449	71,257
Building Aid	2,471,373	2,425,334
High Cost & Private Excess Cost Aid	900,000	600,000
Homeless Aid	80,000	80,000
Total State Aid	\$20,549,651	\$20,855,434
PROPERTY TAXES		
Tax Levy	\$7,353,156	\$7,485,513
Pilots	341,824	282,002
Tax Penalty	25,000	25,000
Total Property Taxes	\$7,719,980	\$7,792,515
OTHER INCOME		
Interest on Deposits	\$90,000	\$110,000
Miscellaneous	698,369	741,051
Debt Service	147,000	315,000
Reserves	735,000	865,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	555,000	579,000
Total Other Income	\$2,225,369	\$2,610,051
TOTAL BUDGET	\$30,495,000	\$31,258,000

**ESTIMATED
BASIC STAR
EXEMPTION
SAVINGS***

Under the Budget
Proposed for the 2024-25
School Year, the Estimated
Basic STAR Savings:

\$522

*The basic school tax relief (STAR)
exemption is authorized by section
425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

1.8%
*increase to
the tax Levy*

**PACS MAJOR BUDGET UNITS**

	2023-24 ACTUAL BUDGET	2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET		
Board of Education	\$35,277	\$35,277
Central Administration	231,505	245,424
Finance	328,145	346,422
Staff	107,247	122,881
Central Services	311,443	360,518
Administration and Improvement	962,357	1,081,005
Employee Benefits	860,144	900,411
Special Items	671,204	676,561
Total Administrative Budget	\$3,507,322	\$3,768,499
PROGRAM BUDGET		
Teaching	\$11,533,283	\$11,521,741
Instructional Media	854,042	906,484
Pupil Services	1,000,285	1,075,673
Pupil Transportation	1,143,856	1,154,432
Community Services	14,780	17,222
Employee Benefits	6,671,964	6,947,409
Interfund Transfers	100,000	100,000
Total Program Budget	\$21,318,210	\$21,722,961
CAPITAL BUDGET		
Central Services	\$1,862,410	\$1,943,939
Pupil Transportation	380,000	405,000
Debt Service	2,750,288	2,748,525
Employee Benefits	576,770	569,076
Interfund Transfers	100,000	100,000
Total Capital Budget	\$5,669,468	\$5,766,540
TOTAL BUDGET	\$30,495,000	\$31,258,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The budget also includes \$100,000 to be used toward a capital outlay project. The New York State Education Department allows for schools to complete capital improvement projects of up to \$100,000 during the proposed budget year. Building aid revenue is then received the following year (PACS state aid rate is 94.4%).

The 2024-25 project will consist of renovations of the Middle-High School Technology shop and classroom.

Tom Jennings
Superintendent of Schools

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PROPOSITIONS

2024-2025 Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Pulaski Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Richland, Albion and Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$31,258,000 commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, and to levy the necessary tax on the taxable property of said District?

2024 Capital Project Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Pulaski Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Richland, Albion and Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York (the "District") be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law, to be known as the "2024 Capital Project Reserve Fund," to be used for renovations and improvements to District facilities, in an ultimate amount of \$2,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon), having a probable term of five (5) years and be authorized to raise \$2,000,000 to fund such capital reserve fund in the current or future years through various sources including, but not limited to, state aid reimbursement, cost saving measures resulting in unexpended funds or unappropriated fund balance and other legally available funds of the District?

2024-2025 Bus Reserve Withdrawal

Shall the Board of Education of the Pulaski Central School District No. 1 of the Towns of Richland, Albion and Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the 2022 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund for the purchase of transportation vehicles?

Board Members - Three Seats

Please vote for three candidates for the available board of education seats.

BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS - VOTE FOR 3

TODD MASUICCA

Todd will complete his third three-year term as board member for the Pulaski Academy & Central School District this June. He has been a lifelong resident of Pulaski and graduated from Pulaski Academy in 1994. Todd and his wife Crystal have two children, one is currently enrolled in Pulaski Schools, the other is a graduate of PACS. He is employed by the Oswego County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff. Todd looks forward to continuing to help Pulaski Academy be the best it can be.

ALEX ALLPORT

Alex is embarking on his first campaign for the Pulaski Academy & Central School (PACS) District's School Board. Alex brings a fresh perspective rooted in deep community ties and a passion for progress. Born and raised in Pulaski, Alex is a proud graduate of PACS, class of 2002. Recently returning to his hometown with his wife, Melissa, and young son, Finn, Alex is committed to investing in the district's future, both as a resident and a parent.

Alex graduated from Syracuse University Law School and passed the New York State Bar Exam in 2012, while also earning a master's in business administration. He has had a diverse career path, including time spent as a Commercial Banking Risk Officer as well as a Commercial Real Estate attorney. This expertise has been further honed through his involvement in successful construction operations like Blue Collar Roofers and Blue Collar Concrete.

Alex is dedicated to preserving PACS's rich history while leveraging sound financial decisions to propel the school district to even greater heights.

JOEL SOUTHWELL

Joel is asking for your support as he seeks his sixth term on the Pulaski Academy & Central School District's School Board. He has been serving as the Board President for the previous nine years.

Joel and his wife Sherrie are lifelong residents of the Pulaski area where they raised their two children. Joel is the Vice President of Sales for the Fulton Companies.

Joel's focus on the board has been to provide a sound decision-making process toward student programming, policy guidelines and budget development. He is committed to maintaining a solid fiscal position for the district, minimizing the financial burden on our PACS community, all while increasing opportunities for our students.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!



Polling Location Will Be Ringgold Fire Hall!