

Dear PCSD Residents,

We encourage PCSD residents to participate in the budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in the gymnasium at Barker Road Middle School between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.** On the ballot you will find the proposed budget of \$111,590,726, two Board of Education seats, and two propositions (Bus Purchase, Capital Reserve) which if approved, have NO tax impact and will generate additional State Aid in subsequent years. Additional information for your consideration follows:

- In preparing the proposed 2011-12 budget, the District faced a \$3 million dollar shortfall. To reduce expenditures, we used a combination of strategies. For example, we reduced discretionary expenses (supplies, equipment, etc.) by 10% and implemented additional efficiencies in areas such as BOCES. We made an additional \$300,000 in reductions as identified by the District's budget advisory group.
- We denied requests to expand upon or add programs and services.
- We utilized attrition savings due to retirements. We used additional reserve funds and fund balance to reduce the levy.
- Long term strategies in reducing health care costs through negotiations and participation in a county school district health care consortium are starting to help us. Our health care increase was 3% ---considerably lower than similar community private sector plans whose increases were approximately 16%.
- The proposed budget maintains programs and services closest to the classroom and to students. 74% of our proposed budget is devoted to program; 17% is devoted to capital expenses and debt payments; 9% is devoted to administrative expenses.
- The District qualified for additional state aid of \$142,462 for Administrative Efficiency. Fewer than 10% of NYS districts were eligible for this State Aid. To qualify, districts had to spend less than 2% of their budget on certain administrative costs. Pittsford spends 1.5% of the budget on these costs.
- The proposed budget of \$111,590,726 is an increase of 1.72%, a tax levy increase of 1.9%, and an estimated tax rate increase of 1.43%. The impact on the average PCSD homeowner with a \$240,000 full-value assessed home, with Basic STAR, is estimated to be an increase of \$70.

If you would like more details about the 2011–2012 budget, please click on this link: **[www.pittsfordschools.org](http://www.pittsfordschools.org)**. You may also contact any Board of Education member, the Superintendent, or Assistant Superintendent for Business if you would like to discuss the proposed budget. I hope this information is helpful as you head to the polls on Tuesday, May 17.

Sincerely,

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