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**Prattsburgh Central School and Franklin Academy**

*Annual Budget Vote*

*School Board Election, Prattsburgh Free Library Levy Vote & Capital Project Referendum*

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Noon to 8:00 p.m. in the PCS Main Building Cafetorium**

For the 2024-2025 school year, and for the sixth consecutive year, we are once again estimating a 0% tax levy increase. The proposed levy is \$61,960 LESS than the levy was in 2016-2017, and the rate per thousand dollars of assessed full value is projected to be \$10.57. This rate is one of the absolute lowest in the entire region. While the district is facing many uncertainties in projecting state revenues and rising expenses, the PCS Board understands all families are faced with the same uncertainties and made it a priority to keep costs down for district residents.

This year we are proposing a budget that is a 4.75% increase over the 2023-2024 fiscal year. New York State has projected an increase in Foundation Aide to PCS of \$14,400 over what we received last year. Since nearly 70% of our funding comes from state aid, this is certainly tough news. However, the PCS Board has once again prioritized strategically using reserve funds to balance our budget instead of increasing the tax levy. This budget is very conservative and is an effort to keep costs down as much as possible. Just like last year, we are looking at increasing costs in ALL areas, but here are some of the major contributors:

- Utilities and fuel
- Employee benefits including health insurance and retirement system obligations
- Cost of BOCES services (however, PCS has a 75% BOCES aide ratio so we pay 25% for BOCES services after aide is received)
- Transportation costs for special education programming

For the past several years, we have been patiently waiting for the economy to settle and New York State to come through with appropriate funding for schools. At this point in time, neither has happened. We will continue to be fiscally responsible, while still providing the educational experiences that all PCS students deserve.

PCS is also proposing a \$22,200,000 capital project. This project addresses needs that were outlined in the state required Building Condition Survey. **All these improvements can be done at no additional tax impact on our community. The use of \$1,000,000 out of our capital reserve and the utilization of state building aid make this all possible.**

**This capital project will take place over the course of several years and will be broken up into four (4) phases. At the state level, there has been much talk of updating aid ratios, and building aid will possibly be included. If we pass this project in May, our current aid ratios will be locked into current state law. With our building aid currently sitting at approximately 90%, it is vital to pass this project now and lock in for the entire scope of this project.**

**If you have any questions regarding the budget or the capital project specifically, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Bay at 607-522-6211 or [bayk@prattsburghcsd.org](mailto:bayk@prattsburghcsd.org).**

- Board members Joel Sanford, Stephanie Randall, Joseph Castrechino and Brian Chaffee

## SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX HISTORY

SCHOOL YEAR	TAX LEVY	TAX LEVY CHANGE	TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF VALUE
2017-2018	\$2,606,960	-\$50,000	\$13.95
2018-2019	\$2,606,960	\$0	\$13.76
2019-2020	\$2,595,000	-\$11,960	\$13.44
2020-2021	\$2,595,000	\$0	\$12.89
2021-2022	\$2,595,000	\$0	\$12.50
2022-2023	\$2,595,000	\$0	\$11.81
2023-2024	\$2,595,000	\$0	\$10.78
2024-2025	\$2,595,000	\$0	\$10.57

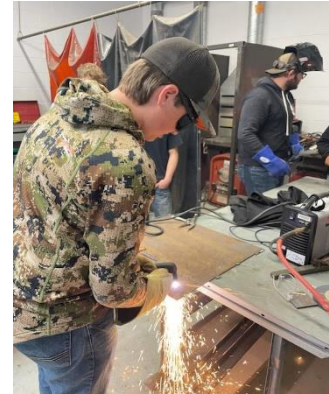
\* Our **projected** tax rate for 2024-2025 is \$0.21 below the 2023-2024 rate. This estimate is based on the projected increase of approximately 2% in property value.

### STAR SAVINGS (May vary by township)

	2023-2024	2024-2025 (projected)
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$337	\$356
Enhanced STAR Savings	\$914	\$884

### PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2023-2024	2024-2025 Proposed	CHANGE
TOTAL SPENDING	\$11,426,850	\$11,970,023	\$543,173
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$0
PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	375	377	+2
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	8%	4.12%	
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	\$1,990,946	\$1,650,250	
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$1,014,007	\$750,000	
UNRESERVED UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$772,669	\$478,800	
UNRESERVED, UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE (% OF TOTAL BUDGET)	6.7%	4%	



### PRATTSBURG FREE LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Prattsburg Free Library has determined to request that school district voters consider changing the 2024-2025 free library tax levy to \$90,380 from the amount of \$87,958 as established in 2022-2023. Please contact the Free Library for more information.

## ANNUAL BUDGET NOTICE

The annual budget vote for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by the qualified voters of the Prattsburgh Central School District, Steuben and Yates Counties, New York will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of noon and 8:00 p.m.** prevailing time in the main building cafetorium at which the polls will be open to vote by voting ballot.

To **vote** you must be at least eighteen years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the Prattsburgh Central School District for at least thirty consecutive days prior to the vote. Identification and proof of residency may be required.

Applications for **absentee ballots** must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballots are to be mailed to the voter or by the day of the election if the ballots are to be picked up in the district office. Questions regarding eligibility to vote by absentee ballot should be directed to the District Clerk, Mrs. Roxanne VanAmburg, at 607-522-6211.

Qualified voters will be asked to cast ballots on the following items:

- **THAT the Board of Education of the Prattsburgh Central School District be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the budget presented to voters on this date, to wit, the sum of \$11,970,023 and to levy the necessary tax therefore**
- **The election of one member to the board of education for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2029**
- **The election of one member to the board of education for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027**
- **The election of one member to the board of education for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026**
- **THAT the Board of Education of the Prattsburgh Central School District shall be authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$90,380 for the Prattsburg Free Library to provide public library services and pay over such funds to the Prattsburg Free Library Board of Trustees**
- **THAT the Board of Education of the Prattsburgh Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, and construction and reconstruction of the Main School Building and facilities, site and athletic field improvements and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$22,200,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$1,000,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$21,200,000 shall be issued.**



## SCHOOL DISTRICT HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA

- PCS class of 2024 (32 graduates) will graduate with an AMAZING 765 college credits through the Franklin Academy in partnership with Corning Community College and Finger Lakes Community College
- The K-12 Average Daily Attendance Rate for 2022-2023= 96%
- The 4-year Graduation rate for June 2023 was 100%

For complete New York State School Report Card data go to: <https://data.nysed.gov/profile.php?instid=800000037918>

### 2024-2025 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET	2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	2024-2025 CONTINGENCY BUDGET
TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$11,426,850	\$11,970,023	\$11,680,568
CHANGE	\$935,687	\$543,173	\$253,718
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	8.92%	4.75%	2.22%
CHANGE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	8%	4.12%	4.12%
Proposed Tax Levy	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	
Levy for Library Debt	\$0	\$0	
Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions	\$0	\$0	
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used	\$0	\$0	
Total School Tax Year Levy	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
Tax Levy Limit Minus Permissible Exclusions	\$2,662,526	\$2,670,090	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	
Difference	\$67,526	\$75,090	
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	\$981,066	\$914,967	\$914,967
PROGRAM COMPONENT	\$7,962,936	\$8,453,157	\$8,263,702
CAPITAL COMPONENT	\$2,482,848	\$2,601,899	\$2,501,899

***A complete copy of the 2024-2025 proposed school budget is available in the district office and on the district website at [www.prattsburghcsd.org](http://www.prattsburghcsd.org)***

\* The annual \$100,000 district capital outlay project will be used to provide new surface mounted shower kits in the girls' locker room showers, new surface mounted shower kits in the girls' team room, replace single use shower floor slab in the referee room, and replace the ADA shower kit in the referee shower. This expense is eligible for state aid next year in the amount of approximately \$88,100.

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Total Revenue, State Aid, and Fund Balance	\$8,831,850	\$9,375,023
Property Taxes	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000
Total Revenue	\$11,426,850	\$11,970,023

## Candidates for the Board of Education

### **One five-year term – from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029 (One Candidate) Stephanie Randall**

**Board of Education Experience:** 10 years

**Education:** Associate's at SUNY Cobleskill, Bachelor's at SUNY Cortland and Master's at SUNY Geneseo.

**Employment:** Currently retired, taught at Arkport Central School from 1986 - 2018

**Why do you want to be a member of the school board?** As a teacher for over thirty years, a mom to three Prattsburgh grads, and a member of the Prattsburgh School Board for the last ten years, Stephanie values education for all students and all learning styles. She is once again running to be a member of the school board in order to support the development of young minds within her community, as well as offer support to the faculty and staff as they continue to make Prattsburgh a great place to learn and grow, academically, socially and emotionally.

### **One three-year term – from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 (One Candidate) Brian Chaffee**

**Board of Education Experience:** 1 year

**Education:** Associate in business from Eastern Gateway in 2022, Bachelor's in accounting Suny Plattsburgh June of 2025

**Employment:** Steuben County since April 2011, the first 6 years were with the sheriff's office and the rest have been as the operator of a wastewater treatment facility.

**Why do you want to be a member of the school board?** I want to do what I can to help make sure that the kids at our school get the best education we can give them.

### **One two-year term – from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026 (One Candidate) Donald Presher**

**Board of Education Experience:** 10 years

**Education:** Graduated From Prattsburgh Central School 1984, Alfred State College AAS in Product Machine Design

**Employment:** Retired from Corning Incorporated

**Why do you want to be a member of the school board?** I enjoyed being on the school board previously. Being a part of educating the youth and watching them grow into adults is very rewarding. I also believe in open and honest discussions, and I believe more of that should happen. Having an open dialog between teachers, parents, students, board members, and the administration can only have positive results for educating our children.