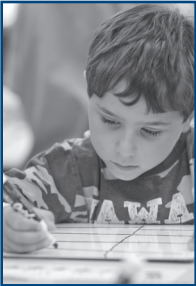
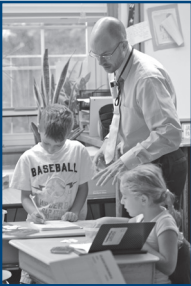


2013-2014 Budget Development				
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	Approved 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	\$ Change	% Change
Elementary, Middle and High School Programs	\$46,097,357	\$46,666,681	\$569,324	1.24%
Special Education and Non-Public Programs	\$7,989,782	\$7,928,997	\$(60,785)	-0.76%
Technology, Professional Development & other Instructional Services	\$3,037,933	\$3,204,093	\$166,160	5.47%
Transportation, Maintenance, Utilities, and other Support Services	\$14,386,428	\$14,754,344	\$367,916	2.56%
Central Administration and Board of Education	\$413,734	\$339,027	\$(74,707)	-18.06%
Debt Service, Insurance and Fringe Benefits	\$41,221,142	\$44,358,087	\$3,136,945	7.61%
Total Proposed Budget	\$113,146,376	\$117,251,229	\$4,104,853	3.63%



Estimated Revenue					
Description	2012-13 Approved Budget	2013-14 Proposed Budget	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)	% of Total Budget
Local Property Tax Levy	\$87,709,370	\$91,075,881	\$3,366,511	3.84%	77.7%
Foundation Aid & Gap Elimination Adjustment	\$5,329,622	\$5,573,028	\$243,406	4.57%	4.8%
Categorical Aid & Building Aid	\$12,020,468	\$12,511,838	\$491,370	4.09%	10.7%
Sales Tax	\$4,500,000	\$4,600,000	\$100,000	2.22%	3.9%
Interest	\$123,968	\$98,000	\$(25,968)	-20.95%	0.1%
Misc. Revenues (Incl Cnty Pmts in Lieu of Tax)	\$1,534,948	\$1,449,482	\$(85,466)	-5.57%	1.2%
Use of Fund Balance & Reserves	\$1,928,000	\$1,943,000	\$15,000	0.78%	1.7%
Total Revenue	\$113,146,376	\$117,251,229	\$4,104,853	3.63%	100.0%



Estimated Tax Impact	
Tax Levy	\$91,075,881
Tax Levy Increase	3.84%
Estimated Full Value Tax Rate	\$25.01 per \$1,000 Full Value Assessed

Example:

The estimated impact on the average PCSD homeowner with a \$250,000 full-value assessed home with Basic STAR



Actual 2012-2013 Tax Bill: \$5,344  
Estimated 2013-2014 Tax Bill: \$5,503  
Estimated Increase: \$159

Quick Facts:

2.98%  
Estimated Tax Rate Increase

3.63%  
Budget Increase

3.84% Tax Levy Increase  
Under the 3.86% Allowable Tax Cap

Fiscal Responsibility During Challenging Times

Below Tax Cap Again

For the second year, PCSD remains under the NYS tax levy cap despite six-digit increases in unfunded mandates, like the Education Reform Agenda, and a nominal increase in State Aid this year. The District is receiving \$1.1 million less in state aid than it did in 2008-2009, resulting in a cumulative aid loss of \$7.5 million since 2008-2009. Retirement attrition savings were used to maintain educational programs and further enhance security at our school buildings.

Budget planning for the 2013-2014 school year included a view of future years in light of the continuous reductions PCSD receives in state aid. Decisions to use fund balance and reserve funds were made in a thoughtful manner in an attempt to provide future stability for the District.

- Under tax levy cap of 3.86%
- Unfunded mandates increased by six figures
- Maintained educational programs
- Enhanced school building security
- Long term stability through use of reserves and conservative financial planning

Six-year cumulative reduction of \$7.5 million in NYS aid



Pittsford Schools

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BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 7 am - 9 pm

Barker Road Middle School

75 Barker Road

Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Pero

Board of Education  
Kim McCluski, *President*  
Edmund Starowicz, Jr., *Vice President*  
Ray Brown  
Brent Kecskemety  
Irene Feldman Narotsky  
Alka Phatak  
Peter Sullivan

Editor  
Nancy Wayman

Note: Qualified voters must present identification. Proof of residency may include the following valid and current documents: New York State driver's license; New York State non-driver identification card; utility bill; or, voter registration card. Voters shall also be required to provide their signature, printed name and address. Qualified voters must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the election, and 18 years of age or older.

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2013-2014 Budget Vote

May 21, 2013

Tuesday,  
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7 am — 9 pm

Barker Road Middle School, gymnasium

75 Barker Road

Voter Identification Required

Budget VOTE

May 21, 2013



# Maintaining Excellence

Over **1,632** *Pittsford Pride*

**students and staff** were recognized through the Board of Education's Pittsford Pride program during the 2011 - 2012 school year. The Pittsford Pride program recognizes students and staff members for honor and esteem they bring to the District through their accomplishments, awards and achievements.

**99%**  
Graduation Rate

**96%**  
College bound students

**361** Advanced Placement Scholars

**Composite SAT**

PCSD	1,738
New York State	1,458
National	1,498

**Composite ACT**

PCSD	26.6
New York State	23.3
National	21.1

The Pittsford Central School District and its individual schools consistently provide a **nationally ranked academic program**, and are recognized to be among the highest achieving in New York State and Monroe County.

**Notable achievements and activities include the following:**

- Both high schools: ranked among the best in the nation by *The Washington Post*, *Newsweek* and *U.S. News and World Report*.
- Both high schools: College Board AP® Achievement List.
- Barker Road and Calkins Road Middle Schools: *New York State's Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch*.
- Barker Road Middle School and Park Road Elementary School: U.S. Department of Education "*Blue Ribbon School*."
- Allen Creek Elementary School: A NYS and National *School of Character*.
- Students at all grade levels—K through 12—participate in many community service and service learning programs. Students participate in enrichment opportunities including:
  - internships
  - clubs
  - intramurals
  - music
  - fine arts
  - performing arts
  - interscholastic sports

**National Merit Scholarship**

**4** Finalists

**32** Commended

Data based on 2011-2012 statistics.

# Voting on:

☒ **3.63%**  
Budget Increase

**\$117,251,229**  
Proposed Budget

☒ **23** Replacement Buses

Authorization to purchase 23 replacement buses at a total maximum cost of \$2,360,000 from the existing bus purchase capital reserve fund (savings account). Proposition will NOT result in any new taxes. Using reserves for this purchase will result in over \$1,300,000 in state aid to replenish this account.

**Bus Proposition will NOT impact taxes and will generate State Aid if approved by voters.**

☒ **2** Seats for the Board of Education

Visit [www.pittsfordschools.org](http://www.pittsfordschools.org) for more information and click on the "Budget 2013-2014" quick link on the home page.

# Implications of Property Tax Laws

## Changes in the property tax laws

### Below Tax Cap Again

Legislation signed into law in June 2011 requires districts to calculate their own tax levy limits annually. Originally referred to by some as the 2% tax cap, the law actually requires use of a complicated formula based on several factors. Tax levy cap calculations in area school districts have resulted in allowable increases ranging from under 3% to over 6%.

Using the State's Tax Cap formula, PCSD has a tax cap of **3.86%**

However, the Board is seeking a tax levy increase of **3.84%** which is **BELOW** the tax cap.

To see the NY Tax Levy Limit Formula, visit [www.pittsfordschools.org](http://www.pittsfordschools.org) and click on the "Budget 2013-14" quick link on the left side of the page.

### Contingent Budget

If voters in the district reject the proposed budget, the board of education may put up the same or a revised budget for a second vote, or adopt a contingency budget with a tax levy no greater than what was levied the previous year. If voters reject the spending plan twice, schools must adopt a budget with the same tax levy as the prior year – essentially a zero percent cap – resulting in \$3.3 million in cuts.

# 2013 - 2014 Three Part Budget

## Budget Expenditures (State-required three-part budget)

**TOTAL BUDGET**  
**\$117,251,229**

**Current 2012-2013 Three Part Budget**

**Proposed 2013-2014 Three Part Budget**

**9.1%** of budget

**Administrative Component**  
**\$10,695,092**

The Administrative Component provides for overall general support and management activities including:

- District Clerk and Superintendent's office
- Business office operations
- Personnel, legal, liability and property insurance
- Auditing services
- Costs for the administration and supervision of each of the District's nine schools
- Employee benefits for all administrative and clerical support staff including social security, workers' compensation, pensions, health insurance and unemployment

**74.9%** of budget

**Program Component**  
**\$87,862,633**

The Program Component provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services for the District's students. Funds are also included for:

- Transporting approximately 7,000 students
- Salary expenditures for instructional staff
- Related support personnel in K-12 programs
- Programs for Special Education services
- Benefits for approximately 1,000 instructional employees, including over 600 retirees in group health insurance
- Social security, teacher and non-teaching retirement
- Workers' compensation, group insurance (life, health, dental, disability), employee assistance program and unemployment insurance

**15.4%** of budget

**Capital Component**  
**\$18,693,504**

The Capital Component pays for:

- Maintaining nine schools and two additional buildings
- Upkeep of over 70 acres of property
- Electricity, gas heat, water and sewer, and telephone services
- "Mortgage" or debt service payments on capital projects (principal and interest payments)
- Refund of taxes for claims against property assessments
- Benefits for maintenance and custodial staff including group health insurance, social security, non-teaching retirement, workers' compensation, life, dental, disability and an employee assistance program

# Board Proposed Budget

The Pittsford Board of Education presents the proposed 2013-2014 budget which comes in under the State mandated Tax Cap. We invite PCSD residents to call with questions and to vote on May 21, 2013.

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*President*  
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**Edmund Starowicz, Jr.,**  
*Vice President*  
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**Ray Brown**  
**624-5506**

**Brent Kecskemety**  
**248-2791**

**Irene Feldman Narotsky**  
**387-9678**

**Alka Phatak**  
**381-6315**

**Peter Sullivan**  
**249-0377**

# Board Candidates

Three Candidates are Running for Two Seats.

**Peter Sullivan**  
25 Bromley Road  
psulli5@gmail.com  
585-249-0377

- Seeking second term on the Board of Education, first elected in 2010
- Senior Development Editor for Thomson Reuters
- Served on Monroe County School Board Association's Information Exchange and Legislative Committees
- Served for three years as president of Pittsford Junior Panthers Youth Football and Cheerleading Club and led an expansion that doubled the size of the organization
- B.A. in Communications/Journalism and M.B.A. from St. John Fisher College
- Married and the parent of one Mendon High School graduate and two current students at Mendon High School

**Zosan "Sam" Soong**  
37 Framingham Lane  
zsoong@gmail.com  
585-242-8930

- Seeking first term on the Board of Education
- Patent attorney for Xerox Corporation
- Association of Corporate Counsel, C/WNY chapter (President, Board); Rochester Intellectual Property Law Association (Officer, Board)
- Monroe County Bar Association, Diversity Committee
- 2011 Top Counsel Award winner from Daily Record
- Sutherland High School PTSA Board member in charge of career exploration
- B. A. in Chemistry from Cornell University and J. D. from George Washington University
- Married with two children who attend Calkins Road Middle School and Sutherland High School

**Amy J. Thomas**  
84 Knollwood Drive  
amyjthomas@mac.com  
585-381-5267

- Seeking first term on the Board of Education
- Former elementary school teacher
- PTSA co-chair at Calkins Road Middle School and a member of the CRMS principal search committee
- Rochester Lyric Opera Children's Choir, Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation, and Catherine's Peace Team project volunteer
- PTA co-president at The American School of Sao Paulo and member of the superintendent's selection committee
- B.S. degree in Education from SUNY Geneseo
- Married with four children who attend Allen Creek Elementary and Calkins Road Middle School

*For complete Board of Education Candidate biographies visit [www.pittsfordschools.org](http://www.pittsfordschools.org).*