

# Pelham FOCUS

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## BUDGET & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION: TUESDAY, MAY 18

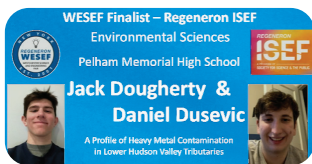
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### Celebrating **EXCELLENCE**

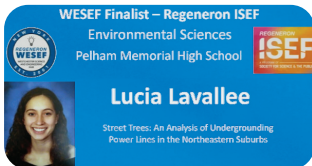
Pelham students excelled at the highest levels in 2020-21



★ PMHS ranked as 68<sup>th</sup> Best High School by *U.S. News & World Report*



★ Four PMHS Students competing in International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) following historic Science Research season



★ Pelham Middle School Named New York State School of Character

★ PMHS Senior Aiden Levy Nominated for U.S. Presidential Scholar Award

★ 12 Varsity Teams Earn Scholar Athlete Distinction



### Budget at-a-Glance

#### 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET *see pages 2-6*

**Total:** \$80,280,000 | Tax Levy Increase: 2.47%

→ Complies with Tax Cap

- ◆ 4.67% Budget-to-Budget Increase\*
- ◆ Projected Tax Rate: \$18.18 per \$1,000 assessed home value
- ◆ Expands summer programming for students needing additional academic support
- ◆ Funds all current academic and extracurricular programs
- ◆ Maintains class sizes at or below BOE guidelines
- ◆ Continues professional learning to support the social and emotional needs of students
- ◆ Restores World Language and Science teaching positions to meet program demands
- ◆ Includes financing for 2018 Capital Improvement Bond *see page 2*
- ◆ Builds toward goals of the Strategic Plan



\*Budget-to-Budget increase includes \$2.5 million increase in debt service due to the 2018 Capital Improvement Bond

#### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

5 candidates running for 2 open seats on the Board of Education  
*Candidates listed on page 12*

### A Note from the Board of Education



#### Dear Neighbors,

In a year which has felt so topsy-turvy, it is hard to believe that plans are already underway for the 2021-22 school year. This spring, in addition to developing the school budget, the Board's main priority was the safe return of students to additional in-person learning. We are thrilled that elementary and middle school students returned to full-time in-person instruction and that our high school students are able to attend school more frequently. Following months of hard work, things are starting to feel a bit more "normal."

Spring is a symbol of new beginnings and there are several examples in our schools. Remarkably, the final phase of construction at Hutchinson School is in full swing and the new building is set to open in September. Footings are being installed for the new addition at Prospect Hill, the Business Office has relocated to 314 Pelhamdale

Avenue and work will soon begin to convert their former offices into classrooms at PMHS, and each day the new fields at Glover are bustling. These are shining examples of how our community continues to come together to benefit our students.

In addition to our normal operating expenses, this year's budget includes the largest amount of borrowing associated with the 2018 capital improvement bond. As a Board, our goal is to always maintain our robust academic program and opportunities for our students while being mindful of the tax burden shared by all of us as residents. With this in mind, the Board allocated an additional \$550,000 from the Debt Service Fund to supplement the \$1.1 million which had been planned to reduce the tax impact on our community. By doing so, the Board is pleased to propose a tax cap compliant levy increase of 2.47% that allows us to meet the needs of the district, funds our capital improvement projects, and supports the goals of our Strategic Plan.

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# Opening Soon: The New Hutchinson School

In 2018, Pelham voters passed a \$57.5 million bond to build a new Hutchinson Elementary School, install a new turf field and replace the tennis courts at Glover Field, create an addition at Prospect Hill and improve accessibility, convert current district offices into classrooms at PMHS, repair masonry at the MS/HS and replace the roof on the PMHS Annex.

These projects are well underway with the new elementary school set to open on-time and on-budget this coming fall, the turf field installation and tennis court replacements complete, and masonry/roof repairs as well as sitework for the Prospect Hill addition are underway. Earlier this month, work began at PMHS to convert offices into classrooms, which will help to alleviate capacity issues in both the middle and high schools.

This year's capital budget includes the bulk of the borrowing associated with the bond, representing \$2.5 million of the budget-to-budget increase. To offset the tax levy increase, the 2021-22 budget appropriates \$1.65 million from the Debt Service Fund, which allowed the Board to reduce the tax levy increase to 2.47% when factoring in the operating budget.

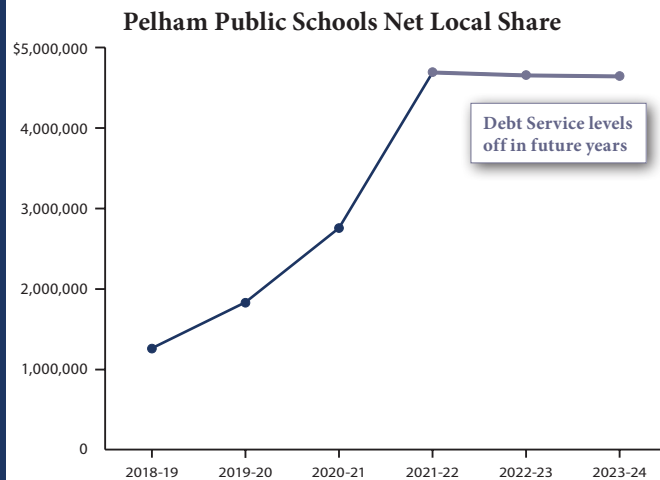
We look forward to cutting the ribbon on these important projects and seeing them used by our community for years to come.



Front of new Hutchinson School on Fifth Street

## CAPITAL BUDGET

Financing for the 2018 Bond was secured in fall 2020. As the borrowing comes online, the District's annual Debt Service payments increase in 2021-22. The Debt Service payments begin to level off in future years. This graph shows the District's net local share, which includes principal and interest less anticipated Building Aid from New York State.



The atrium in the center of the new school provides natural light for interior classrooms



The cafeteria/multipurpose room and stage



Full-sized gymnasium

**\$57.5** MILLION ACTUAL PROJECT COST

**\$70.3** MILLION  
PROJECTED NET  
COST WITH INTEREST  
& BUILDING AID  
(2018)

**\$58.5** MILLION  
ESTIMATED  
NET COST WITH  
INTEREST &  
BUILDING AID

**\$11.8** MILLION  
TOTAL SAVINGS  
OVER LIFE OF THE  
BOND

By taking advantage of historically low interest rates, the total borrowing cost of the bond has been sharply reduced from the 2018 projections.



**2021-22 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE ~ AVISO DE PRESUPUESTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR PARA 2021-22**

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b> <i>Propuesta general de presupuesto</i>	<b>Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year</b> <i>Presupuesto adoptado para el año escolar 2020-21</i>	<b>Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year</b> <i>Presupuesto propuesto para el año escolar 2021-22</i>	<b>Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*</b> <i>Presupuesto de contingencia para el año escolar 2021-22*</i>
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions <i>Monto total presupuestado, no incluye proposiciones separadas</i>	\$76,700,000	\$80,280,000	\$79,606,000
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year <i>Aumento/disminución para el año escolar 2021-22</i>		\$3,580,000	\$2,906,000
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget <i>Porcentaje de aumento/disminución del presupuesto propuesto</i>		4.67%	3.79%
Change in the Consumer Price Index <i>Cambio en el índice de precios al consumidor</i>		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <i>A. Propuestas de exacción impositiva para apoyar el monto total presupuestado</i>	\$65,648,182	\$67,271,881	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable <i>B. Exacción impositiva para apoyar la deuda de biblioteca, si corresponde</i>	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable** <i>C. Exacción impositiva para propuestas no excluibles, si corresponde**</i>	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy <i>D. Monto total de reserva límite de impuesto usada para reducir la exacción impositiva del año actual</i>	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D) <i>E. Total propuesto para exacción impositiva del año escolar (A + B + C - D)</i>	\$65,648,182	\$67,271,881	\$65,648,182
F. Total Permissible Exclusions <i>F. Exclusiones permisibles totales</i>	\$2,494,256	\$3,002,238	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <i>G. Límite de exacción impositiva escolar, se excluye la exacción para exclusiones permisibles</i>	\$63,153,926	\$64,269,643	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D) <i>H. Total propuesto de exacción impositiva del año escolar, se excluyen impuestos para apoyo de la deuda de biblioteca y/o exclusiones permisibles (E - B - F + D)</i>	\$63,153,926	\$64,269,643	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)** <i>I. Diferencia: G – H (un valor negativo requiere el 60.0% de aprobación de los votantes – véase la nota a continuación sobre las proposiciones separadas)**</i>	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component <i>Componente administrativo</i>	\$6,941,655	\$7,215,547	\$7,012,000
Program Component <i>Componente del programa</i>	\$58,643,156	\$59,253,656	\$59,237,000
Capital Component <i>Componente de capital</i>	\$11,115,189	\$13,810,797	\$13,357,000

\*Pursuant to Section 2023 of NYS Education Law, a contingent budget must be adopted by the Board of Education if a proposed budget has been defeated twice by the voters. A contingent budget may not result in a tax levy greater than the tax that was levied for the prior school year. It is the Board of Education's authority to develop a contingent budget; however, costs related to non-contingent expenditures must be eliminated. Some examples of non-contingent expenditures which have been eliminated in the contingent budget scenario noted above include: new equipment; non-essential facilities work; and salary increases for certain staff not represented by collective bargaining units. Selected staffing reductions are also included. The contingent budget figures reflect a zero tax increase and increased appropriation of fund balance from prior year surplus. In the event a contingent budget must be adopted, the Board of Education will make a final determination of the budget adjustments needed, which will likely vary from the amounts noted above.

\*De conformidad con la Sección 2023 de la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, la Junta de Educación debe adoptar un presupuesto contingente si un presupuesto propuesto ha sido rechazado dos veces por los votantes. Un presupuesto contingente no puede resultar en una recaudación de impuestos mayor que el impuesto que se recaudó durante el año escolar anterior. Es autoridad de la Junta de Educación desarrollar un presupuesto contingente; sin embargo, deben eliminarse los costos relacionados con los gastos no contingentes. Algunos ejemplos de gastos no contingentes que se han eliminado en el escenario del presupuesto contingente mencionado anteriormente incluyen: equipo nuevo; trabajo de instalaciones no esenciales; y aumentos salariales para cierto personal no representado por unidades de negociación colectiva. También se incluyen reducciones de personal seleccionadas. Las cifras del presupuesto contingente reflejan un aumento de impuestos cero y una mayor apropiación del saldo del fondo del superávit del año anterior. En el caso de que se deba adoptar un presupuesto contingente, la Junta de Educación tomará una determinación final de los ajustes presupuestarios necesarios, que probablemente variarán de los montos indicados anteriormente.

Description ~ Descripción	Amount ~ Monto
Not applicable for 2021-22 <i>No corresponde para 2021-2022</i>	

\*\*List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements).

\*\*Enumerar separadamente propuestas que no están incluidas en el monto total presupuestado: (La exacción impositiva asociada con proposiciones de servicios educacionales o de transporte no cumplen los requisitos para ser excluidas y pueden afectar los requisitos de aprobación de los votantes).

# 2021-22 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE ~ AVISO DE PRESUPUESTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR PARA 2021-22

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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year  
Bajo la propuesta de presupuesto para el año escolar 2021-22

### Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

#### Reservas estimadas básicas de exención de STAR<sup>1</sup>

\$1,455

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Pelham Union Free School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at Pelham Middle School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Pelham Union Free School District, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.  
La votación del presupuesto anual para el año fiscal 2021-22 por parte de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Libre de Pelham Union, Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo en la Escuela Intermedia Pelham en dicho distrito el martes 18 de mayo de 2021 entre las horas de 7:00 a. M. Y 9:00 p. M., Hora predominante en el Distrito Escolar Libre de Pelham Union, momento en el que se abrirán las urnas para votar mediante una boleta de votación o una máquina.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

<sup>1</sup> La exención a la reducción de impuestos escolares básica (STAR) está autorizada por el artículo 425 de la Ley de Impuesto a la Propiedad Inmueble.

## Revenue & Tax Rate Information, 2021-22 Budget

### PROJECTED TAX RATE PER THOUSAND

	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Projected	Change
<b>Budget</b>	\$76,700,000	\$80,280,000	4.67%
<b>Tax Levy</b>	\$65,648,182	\$67,271,881	2.47%
<b>Tax Rate, Res. Homeowners*</b>	\$18.22	\$18.18	-\$0.04
Homestead Tax Rate			
<b>Tax Rate, Commercial Property Owners*</b>	\$24.59	\$24.52	-\$0.07
Non-Homestead Tax Rate			

\*Tax rates are per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2021-22 school taxes will be based on the 2020 assessments. Rates are subject to change.

### HOW TO CALCULATE PROJECTED SCHOOL TAXES FOR 2021-22

#### Residential Homeowners

Using your property's 2020 assessed value:

1. Divide your total assessed value\* for 2020 by \$1,000 to get your value on a per \$1,000 basis.
2. Multiply by \$18.18, the projected tax rate.
3. Deduct Basic STAR savings of \$1,455 or Enhanced STAR savings of \$3,386, if applicable.

\*Veteran and Partial Exemptions should be deducted from your total assessed value, as applicable.

### How Pelham's Projected Per Pupil Cost Compares with Other Districts for 2020-21\*

Our spending is consistently in the bottom quartile compared with other districts reporting data in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam.

10 LOWEST SPENDING		10 HIGHEST SPENDING	
Putnam Valley	14,131	Pocantico Hills	93,179
Mamaroneck	26,489	Greenburg	44,119
<b>PELHAM</b>	<b>27,315</b>	Byram Hills	41,464
Eastchester	27,752	Briarcliff	38,231
Rye Neck	27,953	Bedford	37,463
Ossining	28,198	Irvington	37,446
Peekskill	28,662	Elmsford	36,901
Yorktown	28,865	Valhalla	36,590
Pearl River	29,275	Chappaqua	35,881
Lakeland	29,416	Garrison	35,869
	<b>MEDIAN</b>		
	\$31,817		

\*Based on 2020-21 projections of reporting districts

### BUDGETED REVENUE

<b>Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$67,271,881</b>
The majority of the District's revenue comes from property taxes. The increase is compliant with the cap allowed by NYS law for the Pelham Schools.	
<b>State &amp; Federal Aid</b>	<b>\$8,617,933</b>
This amount is based on the State's adopted budget as of April 2021 (subject to change) and includes an increase in Foundation Aid from the state.	
<b>Miscellaneous Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,290,186</b>
This includes money from categories such as tuition and health services from other districts, shared town maintenance, interest on deposits, county sales tax revenue, rental of real property, and other miscellaneous revenue items.	
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>
This includes an appropriation of fund balance generated from favorable past operating results.	
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance - Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>
This money is an appropriation from the Debt Service Fund, which includes excess proceeds from past bonded capital projects and premiums on recent borrowings.	

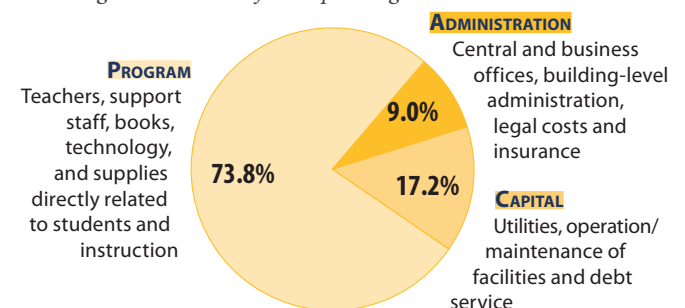
### ASSESSED VALUATION

Assessed valuation has an impact on the amount of taxes a homeowner pays. As of January 2021, the homestead assessed valuation increased by \$67,107,649 from the prior year and the non-homestead increased by \$22,056,654. These assessment figures are subject to change before tax bills are issued.

<b>Projected Residential Valuation</b>	<b>\$3,043,785,224</b>
<b>Projected Commercial Valuation</b>	<b>\$486,181,354</b>
<b>Projected Total</b>	<b>\$3,529,966,578</b>

### How the Budget Is Spent

Our budget continues to focus spending on students.



# 2021-22 Budget Appropriations

The complete budget can be viewed at [www.pelhamschools.org](http://www.pelhamschools.org).  
Click "2021-22 Budget" under the "Board of Education" tab.

## PROGRAM (INSTRUCTION)

### TEACHING-REGULAR EDUCATION

Includes regular education costs including teacher and support staff salaries, curriculum development and teacher training. 2021-22 BOCES service additions include expanded technology support, staffing, educational software, and safety/security consulting.

	2020-21 BUDGET	2021-22 BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
Salaries	\$24,906,937	\$25,237,623	\$330,686
Equipment	–	50,000	50,000
Contract Services	224,102	241,848	17,746
Supplies	312,188	310,640	(1,548)
Textbooks	171,354	229,060	57,706
BOCES Services	3,265,101	3,585,577	320,476
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,879,682</b>	<b>\$29,654,748</b>	<b>\$775,066</b>

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Includes services related to Special Education, including Special Education teachers and tuition for special education students attending programs out of District. Salaries and contract services reflect offsetting variances for reclassification of consultant as staff person.

Salaries	\$5,887,287	\$6,024,341	\$137,054
Equipment	2,500	10,000	7,500
Contract Services	170,300	59,900	(110,400)
Supplies	17,800	17,000	(800)
Tuition	535,000	650,000	115,000
BOCES Services	681,848	635,592	(46,256)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,294,735</b>	<b>\$7,396,833</b>	<b>\$102,098</b>

### SCHOOL LIBRARY & AUDIO VISUAL

Includes costs for the operation of school libraries, HS Info Center and audio visual needs.

Salaries	\$661,355	\$661,013	\$(342)
Supplies	4,785	\$3,700	(1,085)
Library Books	27,325	24,600	(2,725)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$693,465</b>	<b>\$689,313</b>	<b>\$(4,152)</b>

### TECHNOLOGY

Includes technology support services, network applications, hardware and software support.

Salaries	\$269,875	\$279,821	\$9,946
Equipment	24,250	31,000	6,750
Contract Services	87,412	96,950	9,538
Supplies	16,750	17,000	250
Software	154,173	145,710	(8,463)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$552,460</b>	<b>\$570,481</b>	<b>\$18,021</b>

### PUPIL PERSONNEL

Includes counseling services, school nurses, the school doctor, psychologists, social workers, attendance and building safety services.

Salaries	\$3,419,312	\$3,409,801	\$(9,511)
Equipment	4,000	–	(4,000)
Contract Services	370,345	341,673	(28,672)
Supplies	23,200	20,550	(2,650)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,816,857</b>	<b>\$3,772,024</b>	<b>\$(44,833)</b>

### CO-CURRICULAR & INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Includes co-curricular activity stipends, athletic director, coaches, team equipment, supplies, supervision at athletic events and athletic training services.

Salaries	\$947,542	\$954,616	\$7,074
Equipment	6,000	6,000	–
Contract Services	140,600	148,000	7,400
Supplies	55,000	55,000	–
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,149,142</b>	<b>\$1,163,616</b>	<b>\$14,474</b>

### TRANSPORTATION

Includes mandated transportation for pupils attending private and parochial schools, special needs students and those attending occupational education programs. Also includes transportation for athletic events and certain trips.

Salaries	\$37,678	\$37,961	\$283
Charter & Athletic Trips	210,000	210,000	–
Contract Transportation	1,025,281	1,014,667	(10,614)
Public Transportation	57,520	56,142	(1,378)
Supplies	200	200	–
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,330,679</b>	<b>\$1,318,970</b>	<b>\$(11,709)</b>

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Includes allocated costs for use of District fields and facilities by the community.

Salaries	\$33,717	\$33,717	\$0
Contract Services	41,300	41,300	–
Supplies	30,000	25,000	(5,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,017</b>	<b>\$100,017</b>	<b>\$(5,000)</b>

### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Represents contractually required pension, health, employment taxes and other employment-related costs.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,736,619</b>	<b>\$14,503,154</b>	<b>\$(233,465)</b>
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### INTERFUND TRANSFER

Includes District share of summer school costs for special needs students.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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### LEGAL

Includes legal costs associated with student issues (health, welfare, safety, rights, discipline, disabilities, etc.).

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,500</b>	<b>\$49,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$58,643,156</b>	<b>\$59,253,656</b>	<b>\$610,500</b>
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<b>CAPITAL (BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS)</b>		<b>2020-21 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021-22 BUDGET</b>	<b>INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
Includes cost for operation and maintenance of all school buildings & grounds, including custodial staff.				
<i>*Note regarding Property Lease: As a result of the interior renovations to Pelham Memorial High School and Pelham Middle School that were approved as part of the 2018 bond referendum, the Board of Education anticipates entering into a five-year lease of office space located within the School District's boundaries to provide administrative office space for fifteen employees. This budget line provides an estimate of the annual rental fee and related costs of leasing this office space.</i>				
	Salaries	\$2,516,689	\$2,561,839	\$45,150
	Equipment	97,500	93,500	(4,000)
	Contract Services	1,441,820	1,367,340	(74,480)
	Property Lease*	–	300,000	300,000
	Utilities	1,220,000	1,113,000	(107,000)
	Supplies	365,000	345,500	(19,500)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,641,009</b>	<b>\$5,781,179</b>	<b>\$140,170</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,483,973</b>	<b>\$1,545,165</b>
Represents contractually required pension, health, employment taxes and other employment-related costs.				<b>\$61,192</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE/DEBT SERVICE</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,990,207</b>	<b>\$6,484,453</b>
Includes debt service on capital bonds. Increase reflects the permanent financing for the voter-approved 2018 capital projects.				<b>\$2,494,246</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Includes anticipated transfers for district-wide repair and remediation projects accounted for in the Capital Fund. No such projects are planned for 2021-2022.				<b>–</b>
		<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$11,115,189</b>	<b>\$13,810,797</b>
				<b>\$2,695,608</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION (MANAGEMENT)</b>				
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION/DISTRICT MEETING</b>				
Includes cost of budget vote, meetings, publications, memberships, consultants, workshops and BoardDocs.				
	Salaries	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
	Contract Services	39,700	44,700	5,000
	Supplies & Materials	1,000	2,000	1,000
	BOCES Services	11,584	12,163	579
	District Meeting	20,500	35,500	15,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,284</b>	<b>\$96,863</b>	<b>\$21,579</b>
<b>DISTRICT CLERK</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
Includes stipend for District Clerk.				<b>\$0</b>
<b>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$459,145</b>	<b>\$463,386</b>
Includes funds for the operation of the Superintendent's Office.		<b>Contractual</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>18,850</b>
	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>–</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$482,745</b>	<b>\$486,736</b>	<b>\$3,991</b>
<b>BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$699,573</b>	<b>\$739,133</b>
Includes funds for the District Business Office including: accounting, payroll, accounts payable and receivable, bidding, audit and personnel functions for non-certified staff. Increase in salaries reflects addition of part-time administrative clerk.		<b>Equipment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>
	<b>Contractual &amp; Auditing</b>	<b>111,305</b>	<b>109,855</b>	<b>(1,450)</b>
	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>6,850</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$821,878</b>	<b>\$867,338</b>	<b>\$45,460</b>
<b>LEGAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,500</b>	<b>\$115,500</b>
Includes legal costs related to contractual negotiations, labor relations, regulatory compliance, tax certiorari proceedings, etc.				<b>\$0</b>
<b>PERSONNEL &amp; PUBLIC INFORMATION</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$206,151</b>	<b>\$201,693</b>
Includes funds for advertising/recruiting of certified staff, employee record keeping and the Public Information Officer.		<b>Equipment</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>
	<b>Contractual</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>–</b>
	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>–</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$215,151</b>	<b>\$210,693</b>	<b>\$(4,458)</b>
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>		<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$335,000</b>	<b>\$366,219</b>
Includes costs for liability and student accident insurance.		<b>Association Dues</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
Also includes school association dues, sewer tax and BOCES administrative fee.		<b>Sewer Tax/Judgments &amp; Claims</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>62,000</b>
	<b>BOCES Administrative Charge</b>	<b>362,373</b>	<b>393,785</b>	<b>31,412</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$779,373</b>	<b>\$842,004</b>	<b>\$62,631</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION, ADMINISTRATION &amp; IMPROVEMENT</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$2,455,563</b>	<b>\$2,496,607</b>
Includes costs for administration, evaluation and revision of the instructional program, including funds for student supervision and operation of the principals' offices. Also includes staff development costs.		<b>Contract Services</b>	<b>183,160</b>	<b>179,855</b>
	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>48,350</b>	<b>40,075</b>	<b>(8,275)</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,687,073</b>	<b>\$2,716,537</b>	<b>\$29,464</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,752,651</b>	<b>\$1,867,876</b>
Represents contractually required pension, health, employment taxes and other employment-related costs.				<b>\$115,225</b>
		<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$6,941,655</b>	<b>\$7,215,547</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76,700,000</b>	<b>\$80,280,000</b>
				<b>\$3,580,000</b>

The three-part budget format (program, capital, administration) presented above is in accordance with NYSED Budgeting Handbook 3 guidelines.



# The Winding Road to Normalcy

Last spring our District and schools across the country were faced with a new reality - closed buildings and curriculum being delivered over the internet. As we learned more about how to provide education during this pandemic, we sought to consistently update and improve our plans based on our experiences and the feedback provided by all stakeholders. The Pelham Public Schools and our world as a whole have come a long way since the dark days of March 2020 and we look forward to continuing to evolve as we move into what we hope will be the final phases of the pandemic.



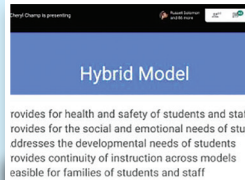
## March 2020

Schools across the state are closed due to the pandemic. The term "Distance Learning" is coined and students learn remotely for the remainder of the school year.



## June 2020

PMHS holds its first ever Drive-In Graduation on the campus of Purchase College.



## July/August 2020

Plans are developed for the 2020-21 school year based on feedback provided from students, families and teachers as well as emerging guidance from New York State.



## September 2020

Schools open under a hybrid plan with half of students learning in-person each day while the other half learns virtually.



## February 2021

The District begins a COVID-19 surveillance testing program and an Advisory Task Force is formed to assist the District develop plans to return more students to in-person learning.



## April 12, 2021

All elementary schools reopen for Full-Time In-Person instruction as distancing requirements are reduced to 3-feet in the classroom.



## April 19, 2021

Pelham Middle School reopens for Full-Time In-Person instruction with 3-feet distancing.



## April 26, 2021

PMHS shifts to a new hybrid model in which 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> graders attend school in-person an extra day per week. HS seniors are welcomed back full-time.



## June 26, 2021

The Class of 2021 is set to graduate together, in-person!

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS, TEACHERS & STAFF DURING THE PANDEMIC



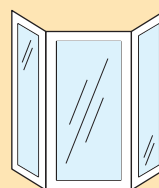
**1,645**  
Chromebooks  
Deployed



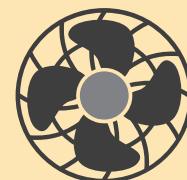
**17**  
Software  
Titles Added



**300**  
Document Cameras  
Purchased



**5,000**  
Plastic Barriers  
Provided



**300**  
Exhaust Fans  
Distributed



**250**  
Folding Tables  
Procured

The Pelham Public Schools would like to express its deepest gratitude to the Pelham Civic Association for donating PPE, the Pelham Education Foundation for its incredible financial support, and Mercy College for loaning 100 desks to assist with getting students back in school.



## Dear Pelham Community,

As I wrote to you about the upcoming budget vote last year, our school buildings were closed and "distance learning" was

our new reality. Today, I write to you thrilled that our schools have been open nearly the entire year and the vast majority of our students are in class, in person, as it should be.

The contrast between where we are today versus where we were a year ago is stark. Life has slowly been brought back into our schools and the energy on campus is palpable. Once again, the Pelham community has banded together to help our District adapt and thrive. From our PTA members who have assisted with lunch coverage, to the PEF, Pelham Civics and Booster Club, who have supported this year's unique needs, to our incredible teachers, administrators, support staff, nurses and custodians, who have reinvented how we deliver education, we have all worked collaboratively for the betterment of our students.

Throughout it all, our students have continued to impress. Among their feats are the Sock'n'Buskin Drama Club's virtual productions, the Middle School being named a School of Character, the Science Research Program's unbelievable performances and 12 of our varsity teams being named Scholar Athlete Teams. I am immensely proud of our students' resilience, ability to adapt and their overall growth both academically and personally.

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### ★ Mean SAT Scores\*

#### Critical Reading 2020

PMHS Mean Score 610

#### Math

PMHS Mean Score 600

### ★ Mean ACT Scores\*

#### Test PMHS

English 29.3

Math 26.2

Reading 28.7

Science 27.3

Composite 28.0

\* Comparative state and national data is unavailable this year due to the pandemic

# 2019-20 District Report Card

Inspiring a Standard of Excellence for All Students

## Success by the Numbers

### OUR GRADUATES: Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 showed remarkable resilience as their in-person learning experience was cut short in March 2020 due to the pandemic. In the face of this adversity, they still managed to excel and continue the Pelham Public Schools' high graduation rates. Take a look at the colleges they are attending on page 10.

Attending College	94.8%
4-Year Schools	90.9%
2-Year Schools	3.9%
Regents Diplomas with Honors Earned	52.3%
Total Regents Diplomas Earned	95.7%
Local Diplomas Earned	3.4%
Graduation Rate, Bridge Academy*	100%

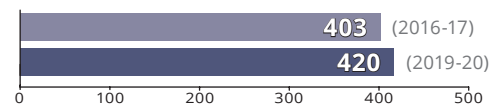
\*An alternative program for students at PMHS better suited in a non-traditional high school classroom.

## Improving College Readiness

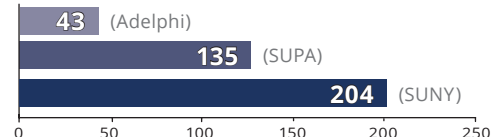
### OUR STUDENTS: Taking More Challenging Courses & Succeeding

Over the past several years, the District has continued to offer numerous college-level and Advanced Placement courses, offering a rigorous selection for our students. Their performance in these courses continues to outpace their peers across the state.

#### 4-Year Perspective Students enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses



#### Students enrolled in College Level Courses 2019-20



Advanced Placement Tests	# Tested	Pelham % Scoring 3 or Higher	NYS % Scoring 3 or Higher
English Literature & Composition	20	80%	59%
English Language & Composition	135	78%	66%
U.S. History	116	80%	63%
European History	14	93%	64%
Psychology	35	83%	73%
U.S. Government & Politics	43	91%	60%
World History	142	83%	70%
Computer Science Principles	17	88%	72%
Calculus AB	17	41%	64%
Calculus BC	20	90%	84%
Statistics	38	87%	59%
Biology	14	100%	72%
Chemistry	20	85%	64%
Physics I	94	60%	60%
Physics II	53	81%	73%
Environmental Science	14	79%	49%
Studio Art	19	95%	88%

NOTE: Due to the pandemic, last year's Grade 3-8 Math and ELA exams as well as the June Regents were cancelled.



# HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

## World Language Honor Society Inductees 2021

### La Société Honoraire de Français

Rachel Atlas, Claire Aumer, Ava Anderson, William J. (Jack) Anderson, Everett Banholzer, Lily Brewer, Sophia DesMarais, Kate Dougherty, Greta Fear, Paige Felgner, Daniel Fredbeck, Alexandra Hart, Eliana Herzog, Samantha Janos, Garrett Jenkins, Martha Johnson, Daniel R. Johnston, Amelia Koff, Emma Koonce, Zachary Long, Malia McLellan, Ellery McSpedon, Caroline Michailoff, Elizabeth Murray, Charlotte Nanda, Maelle Navarro, Katherine O'Connor, Elizabeth Ross, Georgia Russello, Jordan Schwarz, Thomas Shelton.

### PMHS Chapter of the National Chinese Honor Society

Tyler Chang, Madison Cohen, Brandon Gimenez, Leya Ivanov, Stephen Liascos, Gyan Schloyer, Risa Schloyer, Catherine Scott, Oliver Tam, Connor To, Holly Tsang, Graham Yuen.

### The Vittorio Emanuele Chapter of La Società Onoraria Italiana

Alice Barrera, Filip Bukowski, Luis- Jaime Casenas, Frank Carlo Cipriano, Regan Di Natale, Caroline Garufi, Harrison Giglio, Kathryn Girolamo, Clara Kingsley, Daniella Letizia, Benjamin Levine, Eileen Mazzaro, Gabriella Miller, Pamela Patino, Amina Pucci, Andrew Terraciano, Haley Wall.

### PMHS Chapter of The American Classical League

Ulysses Conrad, Kathleen Loughran, Eleanor O'Sullivan, Collins Mbonu, Brenna Rini, Dean Shannon.

### The Federico García Lorca Chapter of La Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Katherine Alexander, Mary Kate Boldyrev, Emiliano Caltenco, Virginia Capeci, Giovanni Carrion-Silva, Analia Casey, Owen Cuomo, Edward D'Angelo, Claire Deeney, Abigail Douglass, Carolyn Dudek, Jane Dunbar, Alex Estevearena, Lucas Facciuto, Isabella Garcia, Erin Ginn, Matthew Gregware, Charles Gutch, Lauren Holley, Jordan Hurd, Aaron Jose, Sarah Kaplansky, Andrew Kelly, Austin Kelly, Jayvi Khemraj, Aidan Kiernan, Rachel Lief, Tessa Loria, Luke Mackool, Valery Madrid, Marco Maggiore, Matthew Martinez, Matthew McCormick, Claire McDonald, Colleen McDonald, Samantha Min, Sarita Nagesar, Thomas O'Halloran, Caleb Persanis, Christian Pesante, Timothy Pettus, Nicholas Pilla, Rowan Proffitt, Ana Ramirez, Christopher Rella, Benjamin Rosenberg, Stella Schlumbom, Jackson Shampianier-Bowen, Dorina Shkoza, Henry Smith, Eric Soderberg, Joseph Solimine, Maya Spunberg, Sofia Tahan, Mark Tarazi, Brianna Valencia, Katherine Valente, Emma Van Praagh, Gabriel Varela Martens, Rafael Varela Martens, Diana Vilchez, Aidan Walsh, Caitlin Winston, Aidan Zusin.

## PMHS Curriculum Honor Societies

### Science National Honor Society

William (Jack) Anderson, Kathryn Alexander, Ava Anderson, Rachel Atlas, Claire Aumer, Brett Bober, Riley Bober, Lily Brewer, Filip Bukowski, LJ Casenas, Tyler Chang, Grace Condon, Ulysses Conrad, Camille Cornachio, Edward D'Angelo, Jack Dougherty, Kate Dougherty, Katherine Elliott, Lucas Facciuto, Paige Felgner, James Findikyan, Daniel Fredbeck, Caroline Garufi, Charlie Gutch, Joshua Handelman, Alexandra Hart, Nya Haseley-Ayende, Eliana Herzog, Dyllan Hofflich, Lauren Holley, Jordan Hurd, Samantha Janos, Daniel Johnston, Aaron Jose, Andrew Kelly, Amelia Koff, Dylan Lee, Ben Levine, Stephen Liascos, Rachel Lief, Ann Liu, Samuel Long, Kathleen Loughran, Timothy Lyons, Luke Mackool, Eileen Mazzaro, Matthew McCormick, Colleen McDonald, Malia McLellan, Ellery McSpedon, Marlen Mendez-Singh, Caroline Michailoff, Samantha Min, Namrata Moral, Charlotte Nanda, Katherine O'Connor, Will Otondi, Timothy Pettus, Rowan Proffitt, Georgia Russello, Risa Schloyer, Stella Schlumbom, Jordan Schwarz, Jackson Shampianier-Bowen, Thomas Shelton, Eric Soderberg, Joseph Solimine, Emma Spencer, Maya Spunberg, Oliver Tam, Mark Tarazi, Jack Tirsch, Connor To, Katherine Valente, Caitlin Winston, Bonnie Wu, Graham Yuen.

### Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)

Kathryn Alexander, William (Jack) Anderson, Rachel Atlas, Claire Aumer, Everett Banholzer, Riley Bober, Lily Brewer, Filip Bukowski, Matthew Cannella, LJ Casenas, Analia Casey, Tyler Chang, Grace Condon, Ulysses Conrad, Ian Cullen, Edward D'Angelo, Regan DiNatale, Lauren Evans, Lucas Facciuto, Allison Feldman, Paige Felgner, James Findikyan, Daniel Fredbeck, Caroline Garufi, Kate Girolamo, Alexandra Hart, Eliana Herzog, Dyllan Hofflich, Lauren Holley, Jordan Hurd, Samantha Janos, Martha Johnson, Daniel Johnston, Aaron Jose, Sarah Kaplansky, Andrew Kelly, Amelia Koff, Dylan Lee, Ben Levine, Stephen Liascos, Rachel Lief, Ann Liu, Samuel Long, Zachary Long, Tessa Loria, Kathleen Loughran, Timothy Lyons, Luke Mackool, Eileen Mazzaro, Matthew McCormick, Claire McDonald, Colleen McDonald, Malia McLellan, Ellery McSpedon, Caroline Michailoff, Ella Miller, Samantha Min, Elizabeth Murray, Charlotte Nanda, Van Dai Nguyen, Katherine O'Connor, Thomas O'Halloran, Eleanor O'Sullivan, Will Otondi, Ava Pedorella, Timothy Pettus, Olivia Pollock, Rowan Proffitt, Luke Quartararo, Christopher Rella, Brenna Rini, Georgia Russello, Risa Schloyer, Stella Schlumbom, Jordan Schwarz, Jackson Shampianier-Bowen, Thomas Shelton, Dorina Shkoza, Eric Soderberg, Joseph Solimine, Emma Spencer, Maya Spunberg, Oliver Tam, Mark Tarazi, Jack Tirsch, Connor To, Holly Tsang, Katherine Valente, Caitlin Winston, Bonnie Wu.

### Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society

Kathryn Alexander, Zachary Altschiller, William Anderson, Ava Anderson, Rachel Atlas, David Atlas, Claire Aumer, Olin Banholzer, Everett Banholzer, Riley Bober, Eliza Bratone, Lily Brewer, Filip Bukowski, Luis-Jaime Casenas, Analia Casey, Tyler Chang, Madison Cohen, Grace Condon, Georgia Connolly, Ulysses Conrad, Camille Cornachio, Ian Cullen, Edward D'Angelo, Sophia DesMarais, Kate Dougherty, Abigail Douglass, Carolyn Dudek, Katherine Elliott, Lauren Evans, Lucas Facciuto, Greta Fear, Paige Felgner, James Findikyan, Caroline Garufi, Kathryn Girolamo, Charles Gutch, James Halvorson, Joshua Handelman, Alexandra Hart, Eliana Herzog, Dyllan Hofflich, Lauren Holley, Jordan Hurd, Leya Ivanov, Samantha Janos, Garrett Jenkins, Martha Johnson, Daniel Johnston, Sarah Kaplansky, Amelia Koff, Emma Koonce, Allison Lange, Kathryn Lange, Rachel Lief, Zachary Long, Nicholas Loria, Tessa Loria, Kathleen Loughran, Luke Mackool, Eileen Mazzaro, Claire McDonald, Colleen McDonald, Malia McLellan, Ellery McSpedon, Caroline Michailoff, Gabriella Miller, Samantha Min, Elizabeth Murray, Sarita Nagesar, Charlotte Nanda, Katherine O'Connor, Thomas O'Halloran, Eleanor O'Sullivan, William Otondi, Charles Parent, Ava Pedorella, Timothy Pettus, Nicholas Pilla, Olivia Pollock, Rowan Proffitt, Natalie Pursel, Elizabeth Ross, Georgia Russello, Risa Schloyer, Stella Schlumbom, Jordan Schwarz, Catherine Scott, Jackson Shampianier-Bowen, Dean Shannon, Thomas Shelton, Dorina Shkoza, Henry Smith, Eric Soderberg, Joseph Solimine, Emma Spencer, Maya Spunberg, Cameron Stanford, Andrew Talamas, Oliver Tam, Mark Tarazi, Jack Tirsch, Connor To, Katherine Valente, Caitlin Winston, Graham Yuen.

### National English Honor Society

Kathryn Alexander, Zachary Altschiller, Ava Anderson, William Anderson, Rachel Atlas, Claire Aumer, Livia Banavar, Olin Banholzer, Everett Banholzer, Riley Bober, Lily Brewer, Filip Bukowski, Jamie Burke, Luis-Jaime Casenas, Analia Casey, Tyler Chang, Madison Cohen, Grace Condon, Ulysses Conrad, Ian Cullen, Edward D'Angelo, Sophia DesMarais, Regan DiNatale, Kate Dougherty, Abigail Douglass, Carolyn Dudek, Katherine Elliott, Lauren Evans, Greta Fear, Paige Felgner, James Findikyan, Isabella Garcia, Caroline Garufi, Kathryn Girolamo, Charles Gutch, Joshua Handelman, Alexandra Hart, Dyllan Hofflich, Lauren Holley, Leya Ivanov, Samantha Janos, Garrett Jenkins, Martha Johnson, Daniel Johnston, Sarah Kaplansky, Austin Kelly, Amelia Koff, Emma Koonce, Allison Lange, Kathryn Lange, Aiden Levy, Stephen Liascos, Rachel Lief, Samuel Long, Zachary Long, Tessa Loria, Kathleen Loughran, Ethan Luce, Luke Mackool, Eileen Mazzaro, Claire McDonald, Colleen McDonald, Malia McLellan, Ellery McSpedon, Caroline Michailoff, Gabriella Miller, Nicholas Milo, Samantha Min, Namrata Moral, Elizabeth Murray, Sarita Nagesar, Charlotte Nanda, Katherine O'Connor, Thomas O'Halloran, Eleanor O'Sullivan, Charles Parent, Ava

Pedorella, Timothy Pettus, Olivia Pollock, Rowan Proffitt, Natalie Pursel, Ana Ramirez, Brenna Rini, Elizabeth Ross, Georgia Russello, Risa Schloyer, Stella Schlumbom, Jordan Schwarz, Catherine Scott, Jackson Shampianier-Bowen, Dean Shannon, Thomas Shelton, Dorina Shkoza, Henry Smith, Eric Soderberg, Joseph Solimine, Caroline Spana, Emma Spencer, Maya Spunberg, Cameron Stanford, Oliver Tam, Mark Tarazi, Jack Tirsch, Connor To, Katherine Valente, Caitlin Winston, Graham Yuen, Aidan Zusin.

## The PMHS Knight & Lamp Chapter - National Honor Society

### Class of 2022

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### Class of 2021

Amanda Boiano, Madeline Buehrer, Emma Carew, Thomas Fontanella, Emma Hupprich, Aidan Kiernan, Haley Wall, Caitlin Woods.

# Colleges Our 2016 - 2020 Graduates Are Attending

*Two-thirds of the class of 2020 are attending the top three tiers of schools.*

Academy of Art	Duke University
Adelphi University	Elon University
Allegheny College	Emory University
Alvernia University	Endicott College
American University	Eugene Lang College, The New
Amherst College	School for Liberal Arts
Anderson University	Fairfield University
Arizona State University	Five Towns College
Art Institute of Philadelphia	Florida Atlantic University
Auburn University	Florida State University
Bard College	Fordham University
Barnard College	Franklin & Marshall College
Bates College	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Boston College	Furman University
Boston University	George Washington University
Bowdoin College	Georgetown University
Brandeis University	Georgia Institute of Technology
Bridgewater State University	Gettysburg College
Brown University	Grinnell College
Bucknell University	Hamilton College
Cabrini College	Harvard University
California Polytechnic State University	Haverford College
Carleton College	High Point University
Carnegie Mellon University	Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Case Western Reserve University	Hofstra University
Catholic University of America	Howard University
Champlain College	Iona College
Chapman University	Ithaca College
Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina	James Madison University
City University of New York (CUNY):	Johns Hopkins University
Baruch, Borough of Manhattan	Johnson & Wales University
Community College, College of Staten Island, Hunter, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, LaGuardia Community College, Macaulay Honors, New York City College of Technology, Queens, Queensborough Community College, Stella & Charles Guttman Community College	Keene State College
Claremont McKenna College	Kent State University
Clemson University	Kenyon College
Coastal Carolina University	La Salle University
Colgate University	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
College of Charleston	Lafayette College
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Landmark College
College of New Rochelle	Lehigh University
College of the Holy Cross	Long Island University, C.W. Post
College of Westchester	Loyola University Maryland
College of William & Mary	Loyola University New Orleans
Colorado College	Lynn University
Columbia University	Macalester College
Cooper Union	Manhattan College
Concordia College	Manhattan School of Music
Connecticut College	Manhattanville College
Cornell University	Marist College
Culinary Institute of America	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Dartmouth College	McGill University
Davidson College	Mercy College
Dean College	Miami University, Oxford
Delaware State University	Michigan State University
Dickinson College	Middlebury College
Dominican College	Mitchell College
Drexel University	Monmouth University
	Monterey Peninsula College
	Muhlenberg College
	New England Conservatory of Music
	New York University
	Northeastern University
	Northwestern University
	Nova Southeastern University
	Nyack College
	Oberlin College

## PMHS Students in Best Schools

Class	Most Competitive	Highly Competitive	Very Competitive	Total
2020	43%	13%	14%	67%
2019	36%	17%	14%	67%
2018	32%	14%	21%	67%
2017	30%	10%	22%	62%

Percentage in top 3 tiers of schools according to Barron's Profile of American Colleges

Occidental College	University of Alabama
Ohio University	University of Arkansas
Pace University	University of British Columbia
Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of California, Berkeley
Pennsylvania State University	University of Chicago
Polytechnic Institute of NYU	University of Colorado at Boulder
Pomona College	University of Connecticut
Princeton University	University of Delaware
Providence College	University of Denver
Purdue University	University of Hartford
Queen's University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Quinnipiac University	University of Kentucky
Richard Bland College	University of London Royal Holloway
Roger Williams University	University of Maryland, College Park
Rutgers University, New Brunswick	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Sacred Heart University	University of Miami
Saint Joseph's University	University of Michigan
Saint Leo University	University of Minnesota
Saint Michael's College	University of Mississippi
San Francisco Art Institute	University of Missouri
Santa Clara University	University of New Hampshire
Santa Fe College	University of New Haven
Sarah Lawrence College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Savannah College of Art & Design	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Skidmore College	University of Notre Dame
Smith College	University of Oregon
Southeastern University	University of Pennsylvania
Southern New Hampshire University	University of Pittsburgh
Springfield College	University of Rhode Island
St. John's University	University of Richmond
St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Scranton
Stanford University	University of South Carolina
State University of New York (SUNY):	University of St. Andrews
Binghamton University, Brockport, Buffalo State, Canton, Cobleskill, Cortland, Delhi, Dutchess	University of Tampa
Community College, Environmental Science & Forestry, Farmingdale	University of Texas
State, Fashion Institute of Technology, Fredonia, Geneseo, Hudson Valley	University of Utah
Community College, Maritime, New Paltz, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Purchase, Stony Brook	University of Vermont
University, Community College, Tompkins Cortland Community College, University at Albany, University at Buffalo, Westchester	University of Virginia
Community College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Stevens Institute of Technology	Vanderbilt University
Syracuse University	Vassar College
Texas A&M University	Villanova University
Texas Tech University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Towson University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Trinity College, Connecticut	Wake Forest University
Tufts University	Washington & Lee University
Tulane University	Washington University in St. Louis
Union College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
United States Air Force	Wesleyan University
United States Naval Academy	West Virginia University
	Western Connecticut State University
	Western New England University
	Williams College
	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
	Yale University

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I am particularly proud that the budget supports the Steps A DBT program, Responsive Classroom and our Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), which bolster our strategic commitment to The Whole Child and are especially important as we emerge from the pandemic. This budget also provides for additional world language and science teachers to help meet growing demands, and flexible furnishings to bolster Authentic Learning experiences. Finally, I am pleased that the budget expands our summer program for students who need additional academic support and maintains the technology-based learning resources and devices that have become so crucial to our success.

Polls will be open on May 18 from 7:00 am - 9:00 pm in the Pelham Middle School Gym. Additional information about voter registration and absentee ballots is available on page 12 of this Focus.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank all of our District staff and our community for their incredible support of our students throughout this challenging year. We feel so wonderful that we will be able to finish this school year in a more traditional fashion as we head into summer.

Please feel free to reach out to me, or any member of the Board of Education or District administration if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Jessica DeDomenico  
BOE President

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The progress we have made over this past year is considerable and we are committed to building upon these gains. The 2021-22 budget continues to provide a rich academic program and aims to address our students academic and social-emotional needs following a year of learning during the pandemic. We are excited to be expanding our summer programming and continuing to support our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework to make sure students receive the interventions they need. We are also pleased to be maintaining the incredible strides in learning technology and look forward to seeing these tools used in the classroom as we plan for a more "normal" school year.

As we developed the budget, we learned that our District would receive an additional \$800,000 in Foundation Aid from NYS, which is being used to reduce the budget's reliance on fund balance, creating more stability in our funding sources. We will also receive an additional \$800,000 one-time allocation from the American Rescue Plan to help with pandemic-related expenses. Some options for these funds include hiring virtual teachers to support fully remote learners should such a program be necessary next school year and bringing on additional mental health clinicians.

I hope that you will learn more about the proposed budget and the incredible achievements of our students through the pages of this Focus. Opportunity and resilience have been borne out of this year of adversity, and I feel confident that our District's brightest days are ahead. **Please be sure to vote on May 18, 2021!**

Sincerely,  
Cheryl H. Champ, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools

# PELICAN NATION

## PMHS Science Research Takes Top Honors

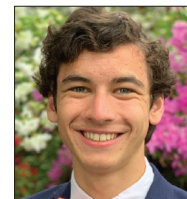
The PMHS Science Research Program had a record-setting showing at this year's Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF), with several students earning top honors in their respective categories.



PMHS was the winningest school at this year's competition, held March 23, with four students, Brett Bober, Jack Dougherty, Daniel Dusevic and Lucia Lavallee advancing to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), the most prestigious high school competition in the world for their projects in the environmental science field. Dougherty and Dusevic earned "Best Team in Fair" honors for their project "A Profile of Heavy Metal Contamination in Lower Hudson Valley Tributaries." Bober also earned first place in Environmental Science for her project, "Determining Effective Locations of Seagrass to Prevent Coastal Erosion," while Lavallee placed second for her project "Street Trees: An Analysis of Underground Powerlines in the Northeastern Suburbs."

## Aiden Levy Nominated for U.S. Presidential Scholarship Program

PMHS Senior Aiden Levy was nominated by the State Education Department as one of 25 New York State high school seniors for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.



The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects honored scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

Aiden has showcased academic excellence throughout his time at PMHS. He serves as class president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the English Honor Society and is also a member of the Rho Kappa (social studies), Math, Science and Spanish National Honor Societies. Additionally, he has been named to the high honor roll all four years of high school.

## Pelham Middle School Named NY School of Character

Pelham Middle School earned distinction as a New York State School of Character, an honor bestowed to just two schools in the state and 76 in the U.S. this year. The recognition is given to schools that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development which has a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate.



Some examples of how the middle school earned the School of Character Distinction include:

- ♦ Collaborating with Pelham Together and author Rosalind Wiseman to create a Student Ambassador Program
- ♦ Implementing the One Clip at a Time anti-bias curriculum
- ♦ Expanding the International Baccalaureate Service and Action through class projects such as seventh graders' efforts to donate a well in South Sudan
- ♦ Eighth grade IB-MYP Community Projects
- ♦ The sponsoring of new student organizations such as our Common Sense Project, G.S.A. (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) and A.C.E. (Access Creates Equity), as well as many other positive outcomes.



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**VOTE!!**

**BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**Pelham Middle School Gymnasium, 7 am- 9 pm**

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

Five candidates, Ian V. Rowe, Jess Young, Janice Powers, Eileen Miller and Michael Owen-Michaane are running for two open seats on the Board of Education. Each open position is for a full three-year term.

**For More Budget Info**

**VISIT** [pelhamschools.org](http://pelhamschools.org). Click "2021-22 Budget" under "Board of Education" tab.

**EMAIL** questions to [boe@pelhamschools.org](mailto:boe@pelhamschools.org).

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**Upcoming Events**

**MAY 19**

2021 Tenure Appointments, 7:30 pm,  
PMS Gym

**MAY 25**

PMHS Virtual Science Research  
Symposium, 6:00 pm


**JUNE 2**


2021 District Retiree Recognition,  
7:30 pm, PMS Gym


*Check the District website before each event  
for more information*

**ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?**

Contact Pauline Davies, District Clerk, with any questions regarding voting in this year's election.

 **738-3434, ext. 6**

 [pdavies@pelhamschools.org](mailto:pdavies@pelhamschools.org)

 **18 Franklin Place  
Pelham, NY 10803**

**Voter Registration Information**

The budget vote and school board member election will take place on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021** in the Pelham Middle School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 7:00 am - 9:00 pm. *Eligible voters must be registered to vote.\**

**VOTER QUALIFICATIONS**

- ♦ be 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- ♦ be a United States citizen
- ♦ be a resident of the Pelham School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote
- ♦ not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- ♦ not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- ♦ be registered to vote with either the County Board of Elections or with the School District Board of Registration.

*\*You are registered if you are on the Westchester County voters' list and voted at least once during the last 4 years or you have personally registered with the District.*

**IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED**

A qualified voter may register to vote in the May 18, 2021 election by registering to vote with the Westchester County Board of Election. You may contact the Westchester County Board of Elections for additional information at: Westchester County Board of Elections, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York, 10601, by calling (914) 995-2000, or by visiting their website at: [citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote](http://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote).

You may also register through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at: [dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application](http://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application).

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

If a registered voter will not be able to get to the polls on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between 7:00 am – 9:00 pm, for one or more of the following reasons, Absentee Ballots are available:

- ♦ absence from country on election day
- ♦ temporary illness or physical disability, including, but not limited to, the risk of contracting or spreading a disease (e.g., COVID-19) that may cause illness to the voter or

to other members of the public

- ♦ permanent illness or physical disability
- ♦ duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled
- ♦ resident or patient of Veterans Health Administration Hospital
- ♦ detention in jail/prison, awaiting trial, awaiting action by a grand jury, or in prison for conviction of a crime or offense which was not a felony

**TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

- 1 Fill out a School District Absentee Ballot Application and return it to the District
- 2 Upon receipt of an Absentee Ballot, fill out the Ballot
- 3 Return the completed Absentee Ballot to the District

Applications, together with instructions for Absentee Ballots, are available on the District's website at: [pelhamschools.org/board-of-education/2021-22-budget](http://pelhamschools.org/board-of-education/2021-22-budget).

If Absentee Ballots are to be mailed to the voter, completed Applications must be returned to the District Clerk, 18 Franklin Place, Pelham, NY 10803 **no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.**

If Applications are delivered personally, they must be turned in to the District Clerk at 18 Franklin Place, Pelham, NY 10803 **by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 17, 2021.**

**ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 5:00 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TALLIES.**

Pauline Davies, District Clerk, is located in the Central Office at 18 Franklin Place, Pelham, NY 10803. Please contact her for any questions on the Budget Vote and School Board Election at (914) 738-3434, ext. 6