

**Exercise your Right to Vote**  
**May 19, 2015—Annual School Budget and Election**



**Peekskill City School District**

2015 – 2016 Educational Plan and Budget

**-Fact Sheet-**

**A. The Board of Education is asking the public to vote on three (3) propositions.**

- Proposition 1. General Budget: \$81,890,784
- Proposition 2. K-5 Transportation: \$ 1,765,000
- Proposition 3. Energy Performance Contract \*no cost

***If approved will result in an additional 13% in state aid, about \$650,000***

**B. What programs and services are proposed in the budget and transportation propositions?**

- The combined budget and transportation propositions will result in a budget to budget increase of 4.75% and a tax levy increase of 2.62% which is under our Tax Cap of 2.67%. If both propositions pass, the district will be able to accomplish several objectives on behalf of our students:
  1. Lower class sizes
  2. Additional Reading and Literacy Support
  3. Additional English Language Learner Support
  4. Increase Enrichment and Gifted Support
  5. Additional Librarian at Elementary Level
  6. Science, Technology and Math (STEM) Program Grades 7 – 12
  7. Transportation for all school age students in grades K to 5 in accordance to the following mileage allowances:
    - K – 1: .5 to 15 miles
    - 2 – 5: 1 to 15 miles

**C. Who will benefit from transportation?**

- A successful vote on the district transportation proposition will enable the district to maintain the Princeton Plan and the current grade configuration among our elementary schools. Furthermore, by meeting the minimum standard of 15 miles, an estimated 192 students attending various private schools will receive transportation.

**D. What will be the impact or consequence should the transportation proposition fail?**

- If the transportation proposition fails, all students in grades K – 5, with the exception of students receiving Special Education services and require bussing, will not have transportation. All K – 5 school Private school students will not receive transportation.

**E. If the transportation proposition fails, will there be an impact on the educational program?**

- Yes. The district would have few options other than to return to neighborhood schools. It would not be possible to maintain the Princeton Plan without transportation. Consequently, if the general budget were to pass, a minimum of \$500,000 in programs will need to be reduced from projected programs in order to convert to neighborhood schools. Class sizes would remain high, and we would most likely need to reduce several of the new proposed positions.

**F. In summary, what rationale supports the 2015-2016 Educational Plan and Budget?**

- Simply put, the rationale for this years' plan and budget is to preserve the Princeton Plan and current elementary grade configuration including transportation. Moreover, our priorities are focused on allocating scarce resources on improving the educational & instructional program. The emphasis will be on enrichment, literacy and 21<sup>st</sup> century courses and opportunities for our students.

**G. Where can I find more information on the 2015 – 2016 Educational Plan and Budget?**

- Check the district website for PowerPoint presentations and copy of 15-16 Educational Plan and Budget.



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