

In Our Schools

Peekskill City School District News

May 2014

Dear Peekskill Community Members,

I am pleased to present to you the proposed 2014-2015 Educational Plan and Budget. Our theme for the 2014-2015 school year is, "Moving from a System of Schools to a School System." In keeping with this theme, we will be implementing a new district organizational plan that places more attention on our students and their learning.

This year we have worked hard in procuring competitive grants to help offset general fund expenses. Going into the 2014-2015 school year, I am pleased to announce that our District has been awarded \$796,125 in competitive New York State Educational Grants enabling us to expand our Pre-K program and provide our staff with state of the profession professional development. Moreover, our State legislators heard our voice for additional state aid resulting in an increase of \$2.7 million. These resources, combined with the savings resulting from our Reorganization Plan, and \$900,000 in other reductions, have resulted in a modest budget-to-budget increase of 1.86%, and a tax levy of 1.56% which is under our tax levy limit.

This year we have seen some extraordinary achievements by our students. For example, out of 17 schools from across Westchester County that participated in this year's Business Skill Olympics, Peekskill's students came in first place, winning the competition's coveted Gold Cup. We also had numerous students from the PHS and PKMS Select Chorus and Select Band participate in the 2014 All County Chorus and Band performances at Purchase College which took place in March. Additionally, we are very proud of all of our Hillcrest Elementary and Peekskill Middle School students who participated in the statewide "You Be The Chemist" Competition. We congratulate PKMS seventh grader Nikia Carter for coming in second place out of 600 students at this competition. Finally, our sports teams are off to a great start this spring season and we are excited as our middle school's Environmental Club prepares to present their project on the Hudson River at the 2014 Wheelabrator Environmental Symposium in Florida.

I am confident that our District's goals and plans for the immediate and long-term future are ones that will result in additional successes. It has been said that when a group of people are committed to a goal, they can move mountains. With that said, I am looking forward to working with staff, parents, students and community members in being committed to providing a high quality educational program for each of our students.



In closing, I encourage you to exercise your right to vote on the Budget and School Board Election on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

Larry Licopoli
Interim Superintendent of Schools



Peekskill Middle School YBTC participants

Peekskill's Aspiring Chemists Compete in State Competition: PKMS' Nikia Carter Takes Second Place

Peekskill students at Hillcrest Elementary School and Peekskill Middle School traveled to Tarrytown, NY on April 26 to compete against other local chemist-wannabes in the state level You Be The Chemist (YBTC) Challenge, which is an interactive academic competition sponsored by the Chemical Education Foundation. The competition encourages students in grades 5-8 to engage in learning about important chemistry concepts, scientific discoveries, and laboratory safety while working with their peers and their community. We congratulate PKMS student, Nikia Carter, who came in second place out of over 600 participants in New York State!

Hillcrest Elementary School participants:

Sarah Rosen, Sage North, Renee Norris, Miles Karteron, Pablo Culcay, Elijah Ritter

Peekskill Middle School participants:

Kyra Hall, Stanley Landivar, Achar Okoth, Elliot Molina, Jonathon Giron, Mya Turner, Tais Merchan, Nikia Carter

Proposed Budget for 2014/15 school year: \$79,860,306

- This budget represents a 1.86% increase in spending from 2013-2014.
- The tax levy increase is 1.56%, from \$37,431,286 in 2013-14 to \$38,016,983 for 2014-15.
- The District will enjoy an increase of \$2.7 million in State Aid in 2014-2015 for a total of \$33,465,697. However, the Gap Elimination Adjustment will remain at over \$2 million for 2014-2015 for a cumulative five year state aid reduction of \$16.3 million.
- For an assessed value of \$10,000 the anticipated tax bill before the STAR exemption would be \$6,706.82.

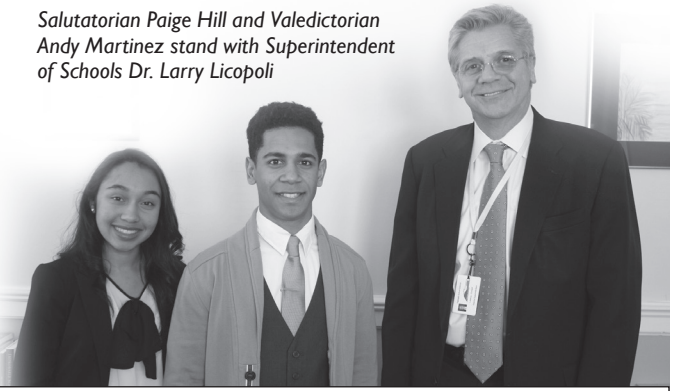
VOTE! TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. ONE POLLING PLACE: PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL

TOP OF THE CLASS

Meet the Peekskill High School Class of 2014's Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Peekskill City School District and Peekskill High School are proud to introduce the Class of 2014's Valedictorian Andy Martinez and Salutatorian Paige Hill. These students have truly shown us how hard work, focus and dedication can result in success. As they prepare to close the book on their time with us at PCSD, Mr. Martinez and Miss Hill have shared a little bit about who they are and where they're going after graduation.

Salutatorian Paige Hill and Valedictorian Andy Martinez stand with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Larry Licopoli



2014 Valedictorian **Andy Martinez**

Mr. Martinez is an active student who enjoys playing tennis and is a member of the PHS Bowling Team. When not participating in sports, Martinez can be found playing lead alto saxophone in the school's jazz band, or working with the Interact Club and Youth Health Promoters. He is also President of the Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society as well as a member of the National Honor Society and the New York State Mathematics Honor Society. After graduation, Mr. Martinez would like to attend college in New York City and is currently awaiting acceptance at a number of colleges. No matter where he ends up going to college, Martinez says he will major in civil engineering and would like to possibly pursue a masters and doctorate in the field.

PCSD: What is your philosophy as a student?

Martinez: My philosophy as a student is to always try my best regardless of the subject or class I take. High school is another stepping stone towards my future, so I take it serious. It is also important to make yourself well rounded and marketable for the future, but despite how important school is, it is important to still enjoy yourself, in moderation of course, because we are still young.

PCSD: What inspires you?

Martinez: My biggest inspiration is my family. They have always been there and are extremely supportive of my dreams, so each day I try and do better for them. At the same time, I strive to do better for myself. I realize that it is important to set goals for yourself and want to do better with your own life, and for that reason I am also motivated to learn more and get better each and every day.

PCSD: What will you miss most about PHS?

Martinez: I will miss the PHS teaching staff. They have been a huge help and have pushed me to work harder and do better, and for that I am extremely grateful.

PCSD: What words of wisdom would you like to pass on to your PHS underclassmen?

Martinez: As an upperclassmen looking back, I'd say give a lot of care to your grades, but it is important to make yourself well rounded. Always push yourself to do better in every field- especially where you may not be as strong.

2014 Salutatorian **Paige Hill**

Paige Hill is a familiar face to many of Peekskill High School's clubs and honor societies. She is currently the President of the PHS Drama Club, and played the role of "Chiffon" in the school's spring production of Little Shop of Horrors. Miss Hill is also Editor-in-Chief of the school's online newspaper Mercury, Vice President of the Senior Class, Secretary of the National Honor and Math Honor Societies, and a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, the New York State Science Honor Society, the PHS Math Competition Team and Student Council. During her summers, Hill works as a treat team member at Rita's in Peekskill. After graduation, Miss Hill will be attending school in either Philadelphia, PA or Washington, D.C. She plans on majoring in political science and/or history, with a possible minor in International Relations. In the future, she aspires to work in the public sphere, possibly at the United Nations or at an embassy abroad. Miss Hill has even expressed an interest in running for Mayor of Peekskill one day.

PCSD: What is your philosophy as a student?

Hill: Work hard, study hard, play hard and enjoy. Schoolwork has always been my top priority, and, in the words of [AP World History teacher and department chair] Ms. Cummings, I've learned to "make it happen." AP courses were definitely challenging, but the course loads have undoubtedly prepared me for college and I'm thankful for that. When it came to extracurriculars, it was important for me to be passionate about whatever I was doing and to have fun at the same time. Staying busy helped me stay focused, and even though it was overwhelming at times, the fun I had and the rewards of seeing a positive outcome as a result of my efforts made every minute worth it.

PCSD: What inspires you?

Hill: My friends inspire me. I tend to surround myself with talented people and the motivation we share to be successful in whatever we're passionate about helps me get through any tough days. My peers, even though our generation is often underestimated, give me hope for the future.

PCSD: What will you miss most about PHS?

Hill: I think I'll miss the staff, especially those who are always there to offer a helping hand, a smile or words of wisdom and kindness. They have an irreplaceable effect on the community of our school.

PCSD: What words of wisdom would you like to pass on to your PHS underclassmen?

Hill: Focus on the good times. High school flies by, even though individual days or weeks seem to stretch on forever. Just focus on the fun memories that make up the American high school experience and put effort into everything you do.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peekskill High School's 2014 Honor Society Inductees

Peekskill High School recently held an Induction Ceremony for their newest members of three honor societies: the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the New York State Mathematics Honor Society. Congratulations to all of our new inductees!

National Honor Society

Senior Inductees:

Diana Barragan
Karina Barrantes
Sophia Bonafide
Autumn Henson
Deyaneira Hernandez
Kalifa Johnson
Kevin Quinde

Junior Inductees:

Ricardo Archila
Diana Barreto
Elwin Cabrera
Brian Cureton
Brooke Gordineer
Ashley Guzman
Johnna Hayward
Christine Landry
Amanda Markley
Gabrielle McMillan
Heidy Monge
Nancy Nube
Stephany Sanchez
Jonathan Vele
Katie Vele
Emmett Warmbrand



Students carry candles at the 2014 Honor Societies Induction Ceremony

Mu Alpha Theta

Senior Inductees:

Paige Hill
Shaina Iton

Junior Inductees:

Richardo Archila
Diana Barreto
Johnna Hayward
Christina Landry
Gabrielle McMillan



New York State Mathematics Honor Society

Junior Inductees:

Ashley Guzman
Courtney Hill
Ronald Richburg
Stephany Sanchez

Sophomore Inductees:

Jamie Acevedo
Angel Avila
Lander Arpi
Rebecca Au
Burim Boqolli
Taylor Clare
Jovanny Elliott
Christopher Garzon
Keyana Griffith
Sulaiman Hamid
Briana Jackson
Toluwanimi Jegede
Briayanna Johnson
Andy Lin
Adrian McCalman
Kiara Navarro
Chelsea Ogindo
Ariel Ortiz
Oswal Perez

Honor society members and inductees stand together at PHS' 2014 Induction Ceremony

Hillcrest Teachers Bring Colonial Job Fair to Woodside Students

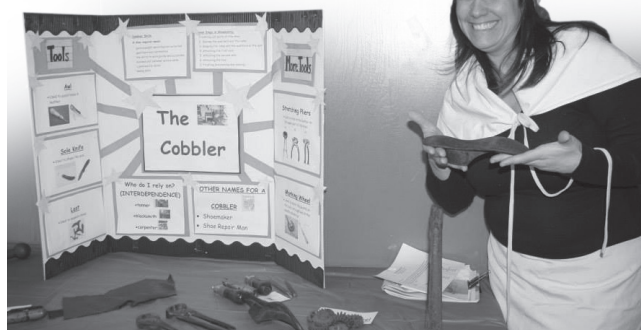
Hillcrest Elementary School teachers recently thought of a fun way to bring one of the Common Core domains to life. As students were learning about colonial life and the jobs people once held, teachers decided to host a "Colonial Job Fair" to further discuss the topic with the children.



A teacher from Hillcrest Elementary talks to Woodside students about blacksmiths

Teachers dressed up in old time clothing, prepared posters and brought in tools and props to highlight trades such as tanners, cobblers, blacksmiths, general store owners, brick makers and more.

After the day was a success at Hillcrest, teachers visited Woodside Elementary School to share the fair with kindergarten students as well, since they too are learning about colonial times.



Hillcrest teachers hosted a "Colonial Job Fair" at Hillcrest and Woodside Elementary

PHS Foreign Language Department

Recognized by Governor Cuomo



Students enjoy a variety of foods at the PHS Foreign Language Week Food Festival

Peekskill High School's Foreign Language Department recently held their 9th Annual National Foreign Language Week. As part of the celebration, the department showed foreign films, held dance workshops and hosted a food festival.

Shortly after the week-long celebration, the school received a Proclamation from Governor Cuomo which recognized PHS' Foreign Language Department for its observance of Foreign Language Week and for highlighting "the benefits of programs that encourage American youth to broaden their horizons and scope of knowledge by learning a second language."

"During the week students recited the Pledge of Allegiance in different languages each morning and wrote poems about the week's theme," said Jennifer Michel, a teacher at Peekskill High School. "The students also made some nice posters. Everyone really enjoyed the celebrations and learning about different cultures."

Students agreed that learning about different cultures was a rewarding experience and that the celebration was a nice addition to their regular curriculum.

"The food festival is always fun because we get to taste food from so many different countries," said PHS student Kiara Navarro. "I loved going to the dance class this year because we danced to Spanish music. I am Hispanic and it was just so much fun dancing with everyone to Spanish music. Personally, I enjoy Foreign Language week because of all the cultures we get to see."

"Food festival" Photo caption: Peekskill High School students enjoy a spread of food from different countries during the school's Foreign Language Week Food Festival



Peekskill Middle School seventh grader Mya Turner accepts her award for Scholarship at the PKMS L.E.A.P. Living Legacy Awards Night & PKMS Girls Rock 2014 event.

PKMS L.E.A.P. Program Honors Ladies of Peekskill

Exceptional female members of the Peekskill community were honored at Peekskill Middle School during the L.E.A.P. program's Living Legacy Awards Night. Honorees received awards in the categories of: scholarship, service, arts, STEM, and business.

PKMS students were also honored during the event as part of PKMS Girls Rock, which awarded amazing female students with recognition for their scholarship, service, character and leadership. The event included performances from student groups such as the PKMS Chorus, the L.E.A.P. Steppers and L.E.A.P. Drama Class.

Living Legacy AWARDS

Hon. Drew Claxton- Business
 Jenet Ferris- Scholarship
 Tiffany Kingwood- Arts
 Cheryl Mathews Lacy- Service
 Vivian McKenzie- Business
 Jennifer Turner- STEM
 Staci Woodley- Scholarship

PKMS Girls Who Rock AWARDS

Kiara Adams- Scholarship
 Imani Galloway- Character
 Mya Guardino- Trailblazer
 Kyra Hall- Character
 Christine Johnson- Service
 Mya Turner- Scholarship
 Inmay Weinstein- Service
 Akua Yeboah- Trailblazer



Congratulations to our Varsity Lady Red Devils for winning the Class A Section I Championship for the second year in a row!

Peekskill Schools Receive \$366,125 State Grant

The Peekskill City School District is one of forty-two school districts and charter schools and eight consortia to receive a New York State grant award for the Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (STLE) 3 Program. The District has been awarded \$366,125 of the total \$24.2 million released by the NYS Education Department.



A large part of Peekskill's grant-funded professional development programs will focus on increasing student literacy.

Peekskill's most recent award came only weeks after the District received a grant from the NYS Education Department for their Peekskill Priority Pre-K Program (4P's Program). The 4P's program has received over \$118,000 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year and over \$310,000 for the program's following year.

"We are thrilled that our District has received this substantial award," said Peekskill Superintendent Dr. Larry Licopoli. "With this most recent grant, in addition to the money we received to fund our enhanced Pre-K program, our District will be able to quickly move toward our goal of maintaining a school system in which student learning is the main focus."

According to the grant's guidelines, the purpose of New York State's STLE 3 grant is to help school districts who have at least a 25 percent low-income student population to develop a "comprehensive approach to recruitment, development, support, retention and equitable distribution of effective teachers and school leaders as part of their implementation of an Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan."

Peekskill's award will be used to support the District's Career Ladder and offer professional learning opportunities for faculty and administration with the goal of producing thoughtful, highly effective educators and leaders. These individuals will then mentor new and struggling professionals within the Peekskill school system.

"Through the support provided by the STLE 3 grant our District will be able to provide professional development assistance and support to our participating teachers and school leaders,"

said Peekskill Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Joseph Mosey. "In turn, these individuals will bring their wealth of new knowledge back into our buildings to share with their colleagues, and ultimately, our students will be the ones who benefit."

A large part of Peekskill's grant-funded professional development programs will focus on increasing student literacy. All

participating teachers in grades Pre-K through eighth will be enrolled in either Early Literacy Training or the Literacy Collaborative Program at Lesley University, while participating secondary school teachers will receive professional development in Teaching Reading in the Content Areas (TRICA). Some will also receive bilingual extensions through other institutions.

In addition to focusing on the professional development of teachers and student literacy, grant funds will also be used to ensure Peekskill's building principals are prepared to help faculty improve their teaching skills. To accomplish this, participating principals will be trained with Teachscape Reflect, which is a complete observation and evaluation management system that will help Peekskill administration provide feedback to teachers.

"This is about supporting our educators and helping our students succeed," said State Education Commissioner John B. King, Jr. in a press release announcing the STLE 3 award recipients. "Districts across the state are already using the STLE grant to successfully develop and support effective educators. Research shows the best way to help students succeed is to have effective teachers and principals in every school building. The STLE grants are an important part of our implementation of the higher standards we've set for our students. The grants will help more students graduate from high school ready for college and careers."

The Peekskill City School District has indicated that they will sustain the programs brought in by the STLE 3 grant after the award period has expired. Those faculty members and administrators trained in the initial year during the award period will be certified to provide in-house training to co-workers in the following years, therefore the costs to the District will be minimal and will include only faculty/administer stipends and the Teachscape Reflect licensing fee. The District anticipates these costs will be offset by lower professional turnover rates, greater employee satisfaction and the reduction of additional professional development costs.

This past March the District began recruiting for the grant's newly created positions.

"We are looking forward to taking the next steps involved in enhancing our District," Licopoli said. "I believe the initiatives afforded to us by this grant will help ensure the improvement of our District's instructional practices while also reinforcing the District's culture of clear and high expectations for our students and staff."

\$500,000 for Capital Projects

Pending voter approval of this budget and SED approval of the projects, building aid is available for most of the projects targeted for the 2014-2015 school year including: HVAC upgrades, a replacement ceiling in Peekskill High School gym, repair and replacement of roofs at Woodside and Oakside Elementary, various bathroom and sink renovations, classroom upgrades and improvements to the technology infrastructure.

Peekskill City School District Announces District Reorganization Plan

At its meeting on February 25, 2014, the Peekskill Board of Education approved a plan to reorganize the District's Central Administration. The reorganization plan streamlines the Central Office by reducing two administrative positions and shifting responsibilities among three newly created Assistant Superintendent positions which are dedicated to the following areas: Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Administrative and Grant Services.

The Assistant Superintendents for Elementary and Secondary Education will work closely together and replace three positions: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services and Director of Educational Services.



Dr. Joseph Mosey, Mrs. Mary Foster, and Dr. David Fine are at the center of Peekskill's Reorganization Plan

The District is pleased to announce that Mrs. Mary Foster will be appointed to Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Dr. David Fine will be appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education. Both Mrs. Foster and Dr. Fine's new positions will become effective July 1, 2014.

Moving forward, Mrs. Foster and Dr. Fine will be leading the District in fully implementing its Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment program, which will insure state of the profession programming for ELL, gifted programming, RTI, guidance, literacy, and student testing. In addition to leading Peekskill's CIA program, Mrs. Foster and Dr. Fine will cultivate a strong collaboration with principals, teacher leaders and staff as they all work together to reach the District's goals for improving student learning and achievement.

Having two central administrators responsible for curriculum and instruction will allow for a greater focus on student learning and for developing an educational plan that better promotes college and career readiness. The new organizational structure will foster consistency across all schools and improve accountability throughout the District.

"This shift is consistent with New York State's Regents Reform Agenda," said Peekskill Superintendent Dr. Larry Licopoli. "It will allow the District to quickly move toward meeting the Common Core Learning Standards and the new APPR requirements. It keeps

the focus where it should be – on student learning."

The positions of School Business Administrator and Director of Human Resources will be replaced by the position of Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Grant Services. Dr. Joseph Mosey will be appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services effective July 1, 2014. Dr. Mosey's new position will be closely aligned with the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations in carrying out financial planning and business office functions, while also focusing on all personnel functions, labor relations, grants, and security.

The Board of Education is also pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. David Fine to the position of Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2015. The Board's goal is to give Dr. Fine the time and opportunity to firmly establish the roles and responsibilities of the realigned Central Office, as well as the protocol for the District's Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment program. During the time leading up to July 1, 2015, Dr. Fine will work closely with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Licopoli, to build this new organizational structure before taking over as Superintendent.

"The Board is very pleased that Dr. Fine has agreed to lay the foundation for the new position of Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, as well as for a new Central Office design before taking over the helm as Superintendent," said Peekskill's Board of Education President Doug Glickert upon Dr. Fine's appointment. "We believe that Dr. Fine's appointment answers the public's concern that we recruit a proven and well respected educator and leader who fully understands and appreciates the Peekskill community and school district. Dr. Fine is an instructional leader with a demonstrated and known successful tenure at Peekskill. He understands the District's strengths and challenges and is committed to our children and school community. We are confident that he will capably lead Peekskill to ensure our students have the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the 21st Century."

Community members who were present at the February 25 meeting spoke out in favor of the District's recommendations.

Fine, Foster and Mosey, who were also in attendance at the meeting, each stated their gratitude to the Board for their appointments. Additionally, each expressed their excitement for the opportunity to lead Peekskill's faculty and students going forward.

"Thank you to the Peekskill Board of Education and the Peekskill community," Fine said. "I am honored and humbled by the District's faith in my instructional leadership. I am definitely looking forward to working with, helping and serving the District and our community."

"Thank you so much to the Board of Education and to Dr. Licopoli for their trust in my work and for this wonderful opportunity," Foster said. "I'm extremely excited and think our team will be amazing. I have been in this District for 30 years...I have taught and/or led in every elementary building in this District, so I take this community as my home. I feel these children are my children."

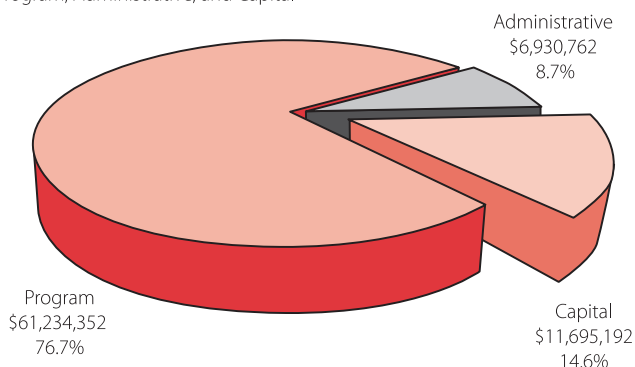
"Thank you to the Board of Education for this opportunity," Mosey said. "I really appreciate that the Board and the community have put their trust in me. I am looking forward to working with a team as a lot of exciting things happen in the next few months."

Budget-at-a-glance: 2014-2015 Budget

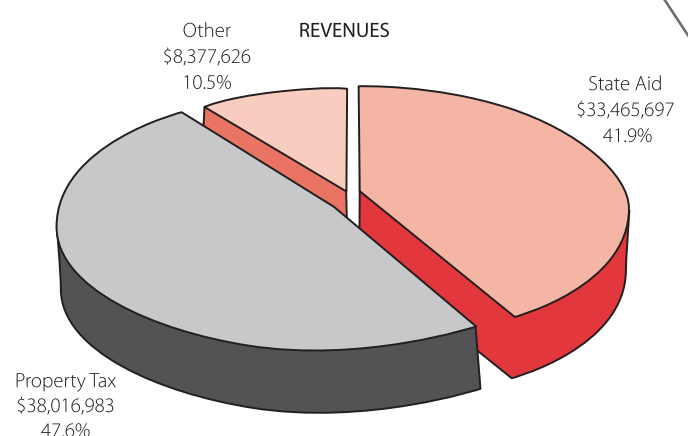
	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 ADOPTED BUDGET	\$ INCREASE (Decrease)	% INCREASE (Decrease)
PROGRAM				
Teaching	\$28,422,445	\$29,427,306	\$1,004,861	3.5%
BOCES	9,814,389	8,914,381	-900,009	-9.2%
Technology, Library & Media Center	1,265,172	1,256,883	-8,290	-0.7%
Pupil Personnel Services	2,575,109	2,707,414	132,304	5.1%
Co-Curricular Activities	611,853	611,766	-87	0.0%
Employee Benefits	14,620,172	14,945,294	325,122	2.2%
Transportation	3,365,781	3,371,309	5,529	0.2%
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$60,674,921	\$61,234,352	\$559,431	0.92%
ADMINISTRATION				
Supervision	\$2,321,877	\$2,693,421	\$371,544	16.0%
Board of Education	36,988	35,733	-1,255	-3.4%
Central Administration	385,517	393,704	8,187	2.1%
Administrative Services	961,099	737,619	-223,480	-23.3%
Legal & Public Information	440,052	442,242	2,190	0.5%
Employee Benefits	1,926,330	1,969,167	42,838	2.2%
Special Items	670,073	658,876	-11,197	-1.7%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$6,741,935	\$6,930,762	\$188,827	2.80%
CAPITAL				
Operation & Maintenance	\$4,342,025	\$4,457,754	\$115,729	2.7%
Employee Benefits	1,574,014	1,609,017	35,003	2.2%
Debt Service & Capital Fund	5,070,770	5,628,421	557,651	11.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$10,986,810	\$11,695,192	\$708,382	6.45%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$78,403,666	\$79,860,306	\$1,456,640	1.86%

\$79,860,306 Appropriations

COMPONENTS OF A BUDGET The Budget is presented in three components. Program, Administrative, and Capital



\$79,860,306 Revenues



School Board Election

Two three-year seats are up for election. Vote for two. Watch your mailbox for a flyer describing the candidates and showing a sample ballot.

All Families Must Establish Residency

By law, the Peekskill City School District is obligated to ensure that all students are legal residents of Peekskill. For more information about residency, please call the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at (914) 737-3300 ext. 327.

When and Where to VOTE

The vote on the annual budget and for school board candidates will take place on Tuesday, May 20 from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. To vote you must be registered for either the school elections or general elections.

**Voting will take place at
Peekskill High School, 1072 Elm Street**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: The Board of Education provides for absentee ballots for the election of members of the Board of Education, the adoption of the annual budget, and propositions.

Applications for absentee ballots are available in the office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Absentee ballots are available in the office of the District Clerk after May 2, 2014. Absentee ballot applications must be filled out and returned to the District Clerk by mail, or in person, by May 13, 2014. After an absentee ballot application is received by the District Clerk, an absentee ballot is mailed to your home. You are to return the absentee ballot in person to the District Clerk at the Administration Building by May 19, 2014 no later than 4 P.M. or by mail on May 20, 2014 no later than 5 P.M. Call District Clerk Debra McLeod at (914) 737-3300 ext. 342 with any questions.

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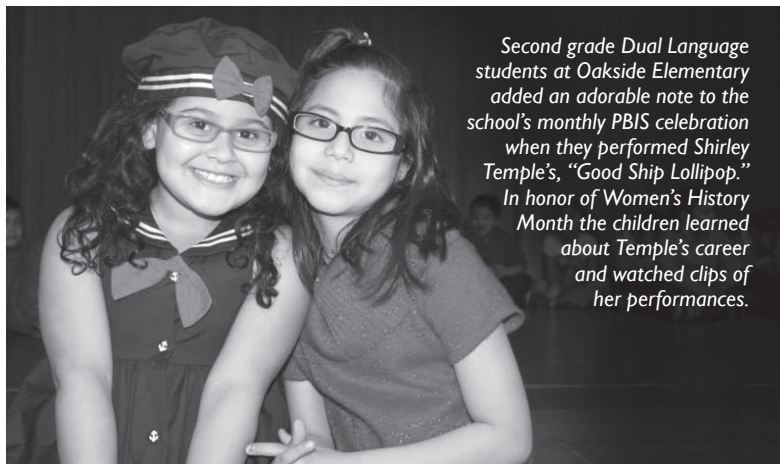
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Gregory Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
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Postal Customer

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Songs and Celebrations



Second grade Dual Language students at Oakside Elementary added an adorable note to the school's monthly PBIS celebration when they performed Shirley Temple's, "Good Ship Lollipop." In honor of Women's History Month the children learned about Temple's career and watched clips of her performances.

Peekskill's PBIS program celebrates students' positive behavior while also building their character. At each celebration, students are recognized for being respectful and responsible. Monthly themes give a special touch to these ceremonies.



Uriah Hill students learned about peace, tolerance, and equality during their January PBIS celebration. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day the students created portraits of Dr. King and sang songs in his honor.