

Putnam Public Schools FY 25 Budget Presentation

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Putnam Public Schools



Superintendent's FY 25 Budget Proposal February 1, 2024

FY 25 Budget Presentation Goals

- Continued Budget Transparency
- Review Current Program Levels
- Share Budget Priorities
 - Maintain Optimal Class Sizes
 - Maintain Intervention Programs
 - Maintain Current Level of Programming and Opportunities for Students
 - Maintain Social and Emotional Health Supports
 - Establish Technology Replacement Cycle

BOE Goals 2023-24

- 1. Increase the achievement of all students through shared responsibility between classroom educators and support staff while meeting their individual needs through innovative teaching strategies, vertically aligned curricula, and assessments.
- 2. Create learning environments that promote 21st-century skills, support authentic and innovative student learning, and challenge and motivate students.
- 3. Provide, expand, and coordinate programs that promote health, safety, and wellness for students as well as employees.

BOE Goals 2023-24

- **4. Advocate for families,** enhance communication, foster relationships, and strengthen community partnerships to increase equity and community involvement in the school system.
- 5. While ensuring equity among all students, supporting families, and supporting students' and employees' social and emotional needs through coordinated programs and services.

What is Putnam's vision for the future of its schools?

A budget reflects our values through the programming we offer to our past, current, and future students.

- This budget maintains and supports the academic and social-emotional learning needs of our students
- While all programs can be strengthened, this budget presents a fiscally responsible foundation for our students

Presentation Outline

- Review Initial Budget build and adjustments to reach a 3.44% increase.
- Review Object Code summary reports at the district level by clusters
- Review budget drivers in depth
- Discuss additional needs in the district not included in this budget
- Review an overview of programs within the district
- Review high interest areas of the budget including:
 - Special Education
 - Enrollment
 - Athletics
 - Technology
 - Preschool
- Review Putnam Public Schools' budget history
- Questions

Superintendent Proposed Budget 2024-2025 Budget (2/1/2024)

	Amount	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
PPS 2023-24 Approved Budget	\$20,358,407	\$950,000	4.89%
PPS 2024-25 Initial Budget Build (w/o decision packages)	\$21,729,566	\$1,371,159	6.74%
PPS 2024-25 Superintendent Proposed Budget	\$21,057,907	\$699,500	3.44%

FY 25 Budget Adjustments

- Eliminated newly added section in grade 2 and transfer Grade 5 position to PES
- Reduction in supplies and equipment with the intent to pre-purchase some materials
- Applied Magnet & AgEd Tuition reductions per state statute at 58% funding level
- Reduced facility request for upgrades and repairs
- Applied \$100K Medicaid offset for special education services

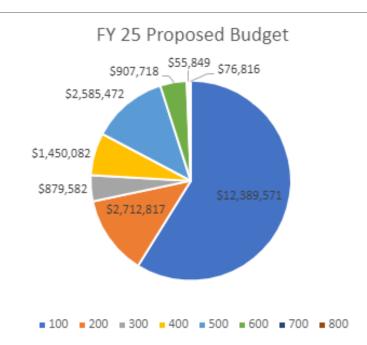
Summary of Reductions

Obj Code	Amount
100 - Salaries	\$151,493
200 - Benefits	\$26,399
300 – Prof Tech Services	\$20,500
400 – Property Services	\$72,885
500 – Purchased Services	\$274,600
600 - Supplies	\$62,846
700 - Equipment	\$57,935
800 - Other	\$5,000
Total	\$671,658

Budget Summary

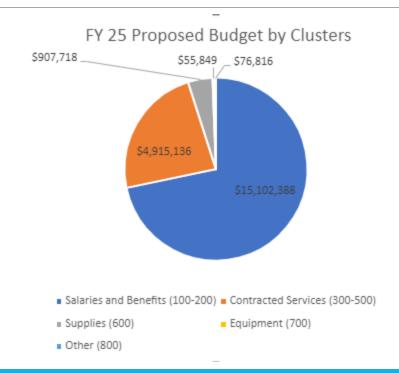
Budget by System Object

	FY 25
Level	Proposed Budget
100 - Salaries	\$12,389,571
200 - Benefits	\$2,712,817
300 – Prof Tech Services	\$879,582
400 – Property Services	\$1,450,082
500 – Purchased Services	\$2,585,472
600 - Supplies	\$907,718
700 - Equipment	\$55,849
800 - Other	\$76,816
Total	\$21,057,907



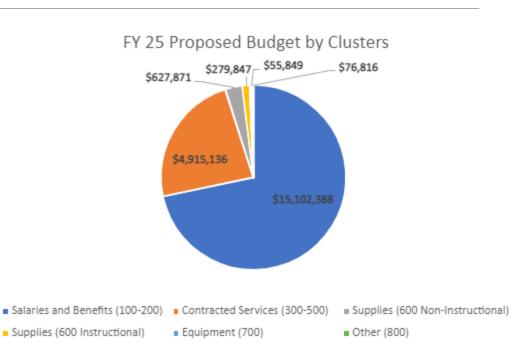
Budget by System Object Clusters

Accounts	FY 25 Proposed Budget by Clusters
Salaries and Benefits (100-200)	\$15,102,388
Contracted Services (300-500)	\$4,915,136
Supplies (600)	\$907,718
Equipment (700)	\$55,849
Other (800)	\$76,816



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Supplies (600 Non-Instructional)	\$627,871
Supplies (600 Instructional)	\$279,847
Equipment (700)	\$55,849
Other (800)	\$76,816



Budget Drivers

Budget Comparision

Level	FY 24 Adopted	FY 25 Proposed	\$ Difference	% Difference
100	\$11,718,780	18,780 \$12,389,571		5.72%
200	\$2,630,633 \$2,712,817 \$8		\$82,184	3.12%
300	\$820,384	\$879,582	\$59,198	7.22%
400	\$1,485,200	\$1,450,082	\$(35,118)	-2.36%
500	\$2,580,012	\$2,585,472	\$5,460	0.21%
600	\$995,789	\$907,718	\$(88,071)	-8.84%
700	\$42,000	\$55,849	\$13,849	32.97%
800	\$85,608	\$76,816	\$(8,792)	-10.27%
Grand Total	\$20,358,406	\$21,057,907	\$699,500	3.44%

Budget Drivers by Clusters

Level	FY 24 Adopted	FY 25 Proposed	\$ Difference	% Difference	
Salaries and Benefits (100 - 200)	\$14,349,413	\$15,102,388	\$752,975	5.25%	
Contracted Services (300 - 500)	\$4,885,596	\$4,915,136 \$29,540		0.60%	
Supplies and Equipment (600-700)	\$1,037,789	\$963,567	\$(74,222)	-7.15%	
Other (800)	\$85,608	\$76,816	\$(8,792)	-10.27%	

Budget Drivers: Benefits

Object Code	Description	FY 24 Adopted	FY 25 Proposed	Dollar Difference	Percent Difference
200	FRINGE BENEFITS	259,680	274,358	14,678	5.65%
210	HEALTH/LIFE BENEFITS	1,873,192	1,893,551	20,359	1.09%
220	FICA/MEDICARE	361,051	400,384	39,333	10.89%
230	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	91,730	101,819	10,089	11.00%
240	PENSION	22,680	20,405	(2,275)	-10.03%
260	UNEMPLOYMENT	22,300	22,300	0	0.00%
	Total	2,630,633	2,712,817	82,184	3.12%

Budget Drivers: Salaries

Object Code	Description	FY 24 Adopted	FY 25 Proposed	Dollar Difference	Percent Difference
110	SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS	\$170,000	\$195,000	\$25,000	14.71%
111	CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$9,253,902	\$9,655,472	\$401,570	4.34%
112	NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$1,950,502	\$2,182,608	\$232,106	11.90%
113	EXTRA CURRICULAR	\$146,497	\$131,886	\$(14,611)	-9.97%
114	COACHING SALARIES	\$175,804	\$206,734	\$30,930	17.59%
	ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION				
115	SALARIES	\$7,075	\$2,871	\$(4,204)	-59.42%
116	TUTORING	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$-	0.00%
	Total	11,718,780	12,389,571	670,791	5.72%

Budget Drivers: Certified Salaries

Total Increase from FY 24 to FY 25 is \$401,570

- Moving existing teaching staff on the salary schedule cost \$242,250 or 2.86%
- Administrative increases totaled \$40,839 or 2.8%, which included adjustments to the 10-month positions
- BCBA partial salary **\$30K**
- The remaining difference of \$89,320 is a result of changes in staffing. Since The FY 24 budget was created, there have been twenty-four different teachers working in our classrooms, who join us with various levels of experience.

Budget Drivers: Non-Certified Salaries

Non-Certified Salaries include Paraeducators, Nurses, Secretaries, Registered Behavioral Technicians (RBT), Certified Nurse Assistants, Supervisors, and Transportation.

- Total increase \$232,106 to the local budget
- New positions or partially funded positions not budgeted in FY 24 include:
 - 1.0 FTE RBT, restored two partially funded RBTs, restored 2.0 FTE Paraeducators, and partial funding for PES Library Assistant
 - Additional hours were budgeted for paraeducators professional development and central office secretary
- Remaining increase is a result of negotiated increase or anticipated contractual increases: Nurses (3.5%), Secretaries (4%), Transportation and Paraeducators (3% placeholder)

Decision Packages (NOT Included in the FY 25 Budget) - Estimated Cost

Location	Description	FTE		100		200	600	700	8	300	Total
PMS	Math Interventionist (MA 7)	1.0	\$	66,699	\$	22,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$	250	\$ 90,449
СО	Multilingual Learner Paraprofessional	1.0	\$	20,000	\$	12,000	\$ 500	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 32,500
СО	Supervisor of Specialized Programs	1.0	\$:	120,000	\$	22,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$	250	\$ 143,750
PMS	Social Worker Middle School	1.0	\$	65,000	\$	12,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$	250	\$ 78,750
PHS	Paraprofessional Helping Hands	1.0	\$	20,000	\$	12,000	\$ 500	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 32,500
СО	PowerSchool Specialist	0.5	\$	25,000	\$	12,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$	-	\$ 38,500
PES	Paraprofessional - Kindergarten	1.0	\$	20,000	\$	12,000	\$ 500	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 32,500
	Total		\$3	336,699	\$:	104,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$	750	\$ 448,949
	Budget Impact										2.21%

Putnam Public Schools' Offerings

PHS Programming

- Core Programming in Humanities, Math, Science, and World Language
- 11 AP courses, 31 Honors, and 6 ECE Courses
 - Course offerings have evolved to more ECE/less AP in recent years
- Electives
 - Staffing Levels: Business (1), Art (1), Tech (1), PE/Health (2), Music (1)
 - Certificate and Career Pathways include Manufacturing and Health Careers
- Athletics
 - Fall: Soccer, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and Football
 - Winter: Cheerleading, Basketball and Wrestling
 - o Spring: Track & Field, Baseball, Softball, and Boys Volleyball
 - Unified Sports in all seasons
- Vocal and Instrumental Ensembles

PMS Programming

- Four Core Subjects
 - Reading and Writing combined into English Language Arts (4 teachers per grade)
- Two Electives per day
 - Library (grade 5 only) Music (1), Art (1), PE/Health (2), Integrated Arts (1), Technology (1), and Spanish (1)
- Marching Band and Instrumental Ensembles
- Athletics
 - Fall: Soccer and Cross Country
 - Winter: Cheerleading, Basketball and Wrestling
 - Spring: Track & Field, Baseball, Softball

Special Education and Related Resources

PES	PMS	PHS
Specialized Programs: 2 ABLE: 2 FTE Certified Staff Paraeducators: 9 Students: 14	Specialized Programs: 2 LEAP: 1 FTE Certified Staff Paraeducators: 2 Students: 5	Specialized Programs: 3 Life Skills: 1 FTE Certified Staff Paraeducators: 2 Students: 14
RISE: 1 FTE Certified Staff Paraeducators: 3 RBTs: 1 Students: 6	STARS:1 FTE Certified Staff Paraeducators: 1 RBTs: 2 Students: 8	STRIDE: 1 FTE Certified Staff Paraeducators: 1.5 Students: 10 Helping Hands Certified Staff: 1 Paraeducators: 1.5 Students: 5
Full Inclusion/Resource Grade PreK: 18 Grades K-1: 17 Grades 2: 11 Grades 3: 13 Grades 4: 12 Certified Staff: 6 Paraeducators: 5	Full Inclusion/Resource Grade 5: 11 Grade 6: 22 Grade 7: 8 Grade 8: 19 Certified Staff: 4 Paraeducators: 3	Full Inclusion/Resource Grade 9: 18 Grade 10: 5 Grade 11: 13 Grade 12: 7 Certified Staff: 3 Paraeducators: 4.5

Special Education Supports and Services

Supports/Services

In-district programs: 7 Student served: 57 Support Staff: 29

Out of District (Not including Magnets, Ag, Charter):

Students outplaced: 18 Number of placements: 7

Choice w/ Special Education Supports (Magnets, Ag Ed,):

Number of students: 5 Number of locations: 2

Putnam Mental Health Supports

FRC	PES	PMS	PHS
Social Worker- PreK & ABLE Caseload of: 36	Social Worker-K-4 & RISE Caseload of: 20		Social Worker-Grades 9-12 Caseload of: 30
Psychologist-PreK-2 Caseload of: 14 Evaluations to date: 25	Psychologist-Grades 3-6 Caseload of: 14 Evaluations to date: 13	Psychologist-Grades 5-8 Caseload of: 22 Evaluations to date: 23	Psychologist- Grades 9-12 Caseload of: 33 Evaluations to date: 29
		Guidance Counselor-Grades 5-8 504 Managed: 32	Guidance Counselor-Grades 9-12 504 Managed: 21
			Guidance Counselor-Grades 9-12 504 Managed: 20

BCBA -(District PreK-Age 22): Provides ongoing consultation to all specialized programs in district.

Admin/Teacher request: observed and consulted in several Gen Ed classrooms at PES.

FBAs completed: 3, BIPS in process: 2 Consultation Meetings: 15 Observations/consult Tier II & III: 4

Special Education Programming

Estimated Cost Comparison of Independent Programming vs. Clinical Programming

- In-District costs
 - Estimated cost per student in specialized programs:
 - PES \$30K, PMS \$26K, and PHS \$13K
 - Estimated cost per student in core programming \$8K
 - Estimated district level supports per student costs \$5K
- Out-of-District Costs
 - Estimated average cost per student \$85K

Enrollment

Average Class Size by Grade Level - PES

Grade Level	Projected Enrollment FY 25	Current Number of Sections	Proposed 2024-25 Sections	Average Class Size 2024-25
K	80	5	5	16
1	82	5	4	21
2	91	6	5	18
3	111	4	6	19
4	82	4	4	21

Average Class Size by Grade Level - PMS

Grade Level	Projected Enrollment FY 25	Current Number of Sections	Proposed 2024-25 Sections	Average Class Size 2024-25
5	89	5	4	22
6	94	4	4	24
7	94	4	4	24
8	74	4	4	19

Projected High School Student Enrollment

	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12	Total
Projected Enrollment FY 25	60	81	66	70	277

Athletics

Athletics

Putnam High School

- Approximately 185 student athletes participate in about 225 games through 12 different sports
 - Total FY Athletic budget \$360,523

Putnam Middle School

- Approximately 220 student athletes participate in about 85 games through 8 different sports
 - o Total FY Athletic budget \$90,935

Technology Replacement Cycle

Resource	Anticipated Life Expectancy	Required Inventory	Annual Replacement Quantity	Annual Costs
Chromebooks PHS-280 PMS-460 PES-100	4 yrs.	840	210 @ \$250 ea.	\$52,500
Staff Devices PHS-36 PMS-38 PES-51	5 yrs.	150	30 @ \$1,200 ea.	\$36,000
School Labs (5) PHS-Business PHS-Music PHS-Tech PHS-Project Lab PMS- Music	5 yrs.	120	20 @ \$1,200 ea.	\$24,000
Interactive Devices	7 yrs.	50	7 @ \$1,000 ea.	\$7,000
Projectors (wall mounted)	5 yrs.	50	10 @ \$400 ea.	\$4,000
Ancillary Equipment	As Needed			\$10,000

Technology Lease Cycle FY 25 – FY 29

Summary	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
Chrome	\$20,960	\$39,538	\$33,078	\$47,578	\$62,078	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$58,000
Teacher	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$7,200	\$14,400	\$21,600	\$28,800	\$36,000
Equipment	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Annual Budget Impact	\$20,960	\$39,538	\$33,078	\$74,778	\$96,478	\$99,600	\$106,800	\$114,000

Preschool

Enrollment				
Full Day (10 hrs.)	43			
School Day (6 hrs. 15 min.)	24			
Part-Day (2 hrs. 45 min.)	36			

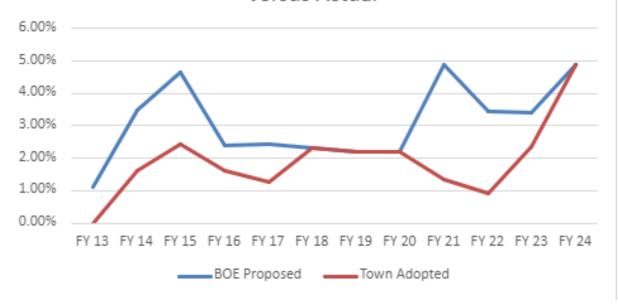
Fund	FRC Program	Salaries		Benefits		Other / Supplies		Total	
208	IDEA 619	\$	25,226	\$	161	\$	-	\$	25,387
300	Family Resource Center	\$	107,279	\$	1,649	\$	3,701	\$	112,629
301	School Readiness	\$	702,612	\$	-	\$	22,245	\$	724,857
309	Alliance - Social Worker	\$	78,360	\$	11,589	\$	-	\$	89,949
500	FRC Revenue	\$	17,875	\$	48,344	\$	3,781	\$	70,000
501	SR Revenue	\$	98,272	\$	181,333	\$	3,395	\$	283,000
100	In-Kind (Health Insurance)			\$	24,918			\$	24,918
100	Preschool - Regular Education	\$	117,026	\$	24,903	\$	2,500	\$	144,429
100	Preschool - Special Education	\$	224,060	\$	86,042	\$	2,000	\$	312,102
	Total	\$	1,370,710	\$	378,939	\$	37,622	\$1	,787,271

BOE Budget History

BOE Budget History FY 13 - FY 24

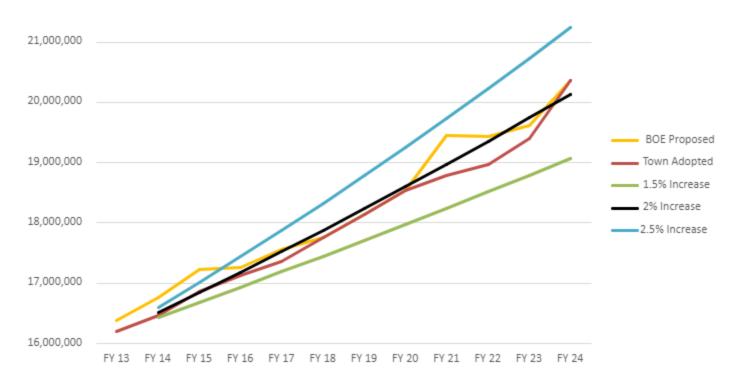
Fiscal Year	BOE Proposed	Town Adopted	Actual Budget Increase
FY 13	1.11%	0.00%	\$-
FY 14	3.49%	1.63%	\$264,555
FY 15	4.66%	2.44%	\$401,380
FY 16	2.40%	1.63%	\$275,000
FY 17	2.45%	1.28%	\$220,076
FY 18	2.30%	2.30%	\$398,640
FY 19	2.19%	2.19%	\$389,538
FY 20	2.20%	2.20%	\$399,456
FY 21	4.88%	1.35%	\$249,999
FY 22	3.45%	0.90%	\$169,407
FY 23	3.42%	2.35%	\$445,000
FY 24	4.89%	4.89%	\$950,000

Annual Percent Budget Increase- Proposed versus Actual



		BOE Proposed	Town Adopted
10-Year Average	FY 2015-2024	3.28%	2.15%
5-Year Average	FY 2020-2024	3.77%	2.34%

Actual Budget vs. Hypothetical



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