

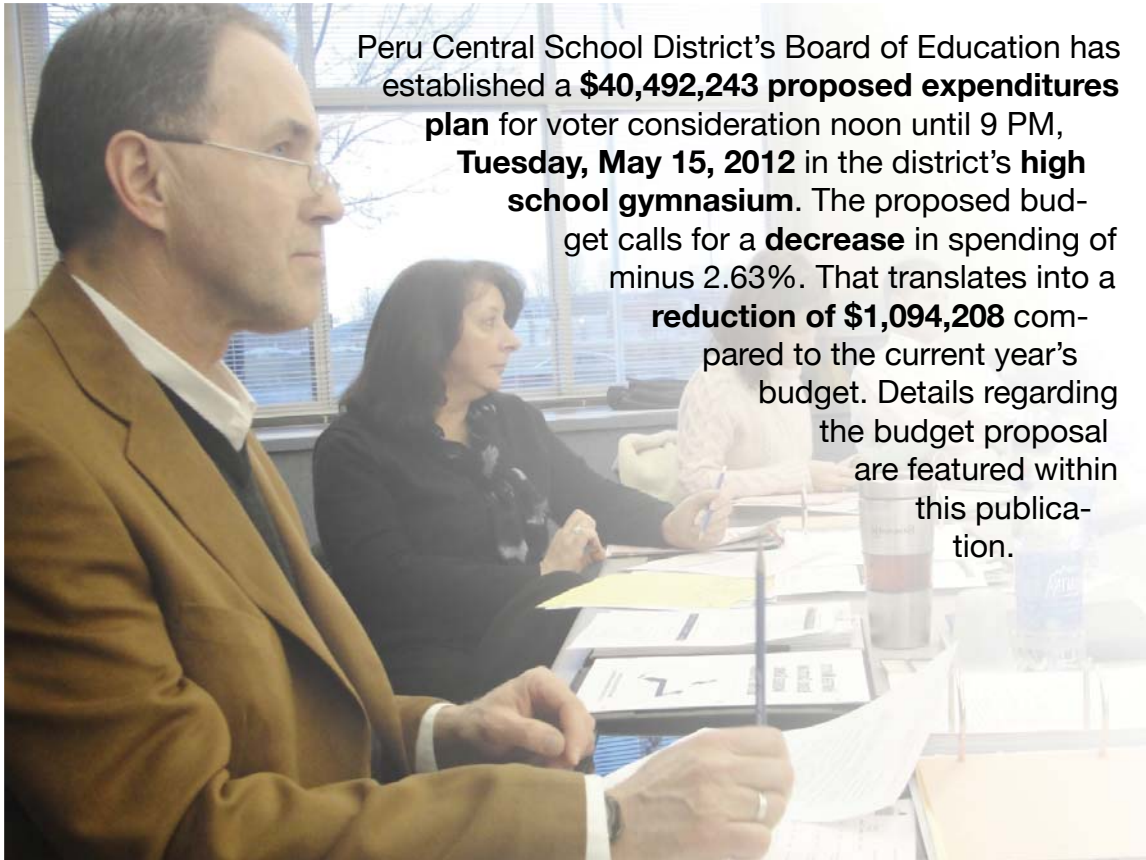
Proposed Budget Slated for May 15, 2012 Vote

Peru Central School District's Board of Education has established a **\$40,492,243 proposed expenditures plan** for voter consideration noon until 9 PM, **Tuesday, May 15, 2012** in the district's **high school gymnasium**. The proposed budget calls for a **decrease** in spending of minus 2.63%. That translates into a **reduction of \$1,094,208** compared to the current year's budget. Details regarding the budget proposal are featured within this publication.

Budget Vote & School Board Election
Tuesday, May 15th

Peru Central High School Gymnasium

12-9 p.m.



School Board President Rod Driscoll, above, will retire this year after 10 years of public service. Most of that time has been spent as board president.

\$1.05M in Budget Cuts & Reductions

The range of instructional programs and support services provided on campus this school year will be sustained into next school year, in a more cost-efficient manner in order to provide such programs and services with fewer district employees July 1st

forward. Roughly \$1,050,600 in cost reductions were enacted by the Board as a result of the winter/spring budget development process. Cost reductions for July 1st forward are distributed

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across all support operations, instructional program areas. Examples of cost reductions slated for July 1st forward:

1. Employ one less Assistant Principal, via attrition.
2. Employ one less operations supervisor, via retirement.
3. Further reduce the number of school bus runs, thereby employing fewer drivers.
4. Increase class sizes closer to statewide averages at the high school, thereby requiring fewer class sections and somewhat reduced staffing for each content area.
5. Decrease the current roster of 47 grades K-6 class sections by three, resulting in 44 grades K-6 elementary grades class sections, thereby requiring three fewer K-6 teachers.
6. Further reduce the number of clerical positions and buildings & grounds positions.
7. Further reduce special education expenditures across campus.

The scope of cost reductions for July 1st includes eleven (11) full-time positions and three part-time positions. In addition, at least nine full-time positions will be reduced to part-time positions. Some of these job reductions will be through retirement of long-serving employees.

Estimated School Tax Bill Increase

Assessed Value of Home	Enhanced STAR	Basic STAR
\$200,000	\$72.80	\$88.60
\$150,000	\$46.80	\$62.40
\$100,000	\$20.80	\$36.40
\$80,000	\$10.40	\$26.00

Based on the state budget plan enacted by the Governor and Legislature, the school board estimates a 2.84% increase of the school district's total property tax levy for 2012-2013. The proposal calls for an estimated tax rate increase of 2.84%, from \$18.29 to \$18.81 per assessed

\$1,000 of property value. The adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase equal to the statutory tax levy increase limit of this fiscal year and therefore does not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a simple majority of the qualified voters present and voting.

Providing the Community With A Solid Return on Investment

Peru Central intends to continue our focus on balancing student needs within budgetary constraints, and providing the community with good 'return on investment.' Next school year, reflecting employee and other stakeholder suggestions, the school district will continue:

- Delivering support operations, instructional programs & scheduling of class sections & course sections even more efficiently, to help sustain instructional programs to the full extent possible, in the face of diminishing revenues and an annual property tax cap threshold.
- Expecting more of our students, in regard to quality of academic schoolwork completed during school hours.
- Celebrating student & staff success.
- Using whatever time and resources we can put together among ourselves for professional development and continued improvement of programs & services.



Pictured are the Top 10 percent of the 2012 graduating class, as measured by grade point average. These students are slated for county-wide recognition and Peru school board recognition this spring, prior to graduation.

- Boosting the percent of lesson time we actively engage students via consistent, thoughtful use of our 'cross-campus toolkit' of practical, proven, research-based instructional strategies.
- Bolstering our efforts to actively engage parents via phone, at home and school.
- Implementing new federal & state mandates for annual teacher and Principal evaluation.
- Sustaining Peru Central's emphasis on student achievement & continuous improvement.

EXCEL Capital Project Budget & General Fund Budget

Funding for voter-authorized capital projects must be kept separate and apart from general operating monies that fund instructional programs and associated personnel. Peru Central can't transfer & use capital project state aid for day-to-day expenditures.



Details regarding the proposed budget are available at the district clerk's office at 643-6002, the school district's Web site at www.perucsd.org and at school offices.

Annual Budget Hearing Tuesday, May 8, 2012 7 p.m., Community Room

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