PORTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER • VOL 18, ISSUE 4

PCS Notice of School Budget Vote & Election

The **Public Hearing** on this year's proposed budget will be held on **May 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.**The **Public Vote** on this year's proposed budget will be held on **May 18, 2021, from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Instilling A Culture of Resiliency at PCS

By: Thomas J. Simon, Superintendent

"Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do." – Nelson Mandela

Portville Central School's faculty and staff are most certainly dedicated and passionate about what they do, and it has caused us, as an organization, to rise above the circumstances this global pandemic has brought us.

Pride Creates Success and Success Creates Pride, and oh how we have met with success this school year! We have done what needed to be done for our students and this community. And, as always, we have done it spending less money per pupil than any school in the Southern Tier. We have done more with less.

Doing more with less has been something we have done as a necessary circumstance of being chronically underfunded by NYS. In 2008 there was legislation passed to fully fund schools through a Foundation Aid formula in-

tended to fairly and fully fund schools. Foundation Aid is a pool of general money that can be used for anything the district wants to use it for; it is the largest pool of aid we receive from the state.

Unfortunately, the Foundation Aid formula was not followed. It was derailed when the 2008 financial crisis occurred. Since that time, some schools have been fully funded, and some schools (including some local schools) received more than the law allotted under the Foundation Aid formula. PCS however, has been underfunded this entire time. In fact, the formula this year would require the state to provide PCS an additional \$3.7 million dollars.

This year, as part of the state budget, NYS passed legislation to fully fund the Foundation Aid formula to make up the funds that some schools have been shorted, and to do so over the next three years. This resulted in PCS receiving nearly a \$1 million dollar increase in Foundation Aid this year. It also calls for us to receive an additional \$2.5 million dollar increase in Foundation Aid over the next two years. This is very exciting

for the potential program enhancements we will be able to provide our students and the positive impact on local taxes for years to come. With this said, we also know that the state has made promises they have not kept regarding Foundation Aid in the past, so we will have to take a "wait and see" approach to our future funding, but it certainly gives rise to some very optimistic anticipation.

This year's tax levy increase will be 0%. We hope to keep taxes flat in the coming years, but this will largely depend on whether we get the funds we have been legally obligated to have received, but have been shorted for over a decade.

Regardless, we will continue to overcome whatever challenges come our way and press forward, giving our students the best opportunities we can with the resources we have. Over the past few years, we have been providing programming and instilling a culture of resiliency here at PCS. This focus stands in stark contrast to the culture we are living in – and it has made all the difference.

PLEASE NOTE: MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL - MAY 31, 2021

PK-6 HALF DAYS - MAY 7, JUNE 11, AND JUNE 23, 2021

PORTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTICE OF BUDGET VOTE

The Board of Education of the Portville Central School District, Portville, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 budget will be held at Portville Central School, Portville, New York on the 4th day of May, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the School District not later than April 19, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: 5 year terms of incumbents Steven Andrianoff and Christopher Kloc. Additionally, there is a seat that will need to be filled to finish the term (July 1, 2022) of Chervl Wood, who resigned from the board. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least 25 (twenty five) qualified voters of the District, must be filed with the District Clerk at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the budget vote on May 18, 2021, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Blank forms are available in the superintendent's office at Portville Central School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the 2021-22 fiscal year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any tax-payer in the district beginning May 4, 2021, at the school, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on regular business days.

The following propositions will be presented for actions by the voters:

Proposition #1 Shall the following proposition be adopted to wit: Resolved, that the budget for the Portville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition # 2 Shall the following proposition be adopted to wit: Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Portville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) school buses at a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Seven dollars (\$256,537.00). And be it further resolved that the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Seven dollars (\$256,537.00), being the aforesaid maximum estimated cost or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a Tax upon the taxable property of said School District and all other eligible legal fund sources; and in anticipation of such tax, fund sources and aid, obligation of said School District may be issued.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable beginning April 19, 2021, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from

the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election held on May 18, 2021, between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to approve the 2021-22 budget.

A qualified voter is one who is (1.) a citizen of the United States of America, (2.) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3.) a resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election.

Dated: Portville, New York

By Order Of: The Board of Education of the Portville Central School District

By: Pamela Anderson, District Clerk



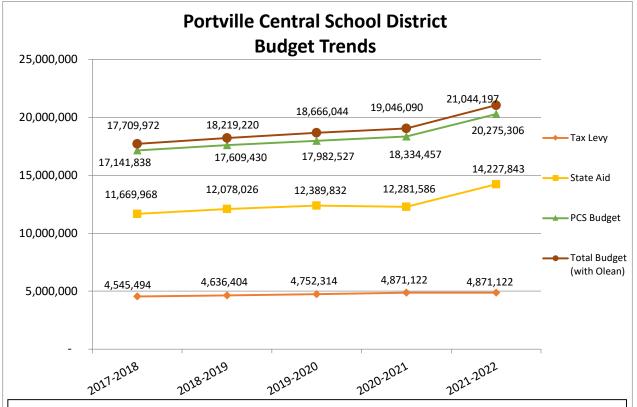
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ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE FOR YEAR 2021-2022 • MAY 18, 2021 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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BUDGET SUMMARY	2020-2021	2021-2022
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
Board of Education, Central Administration, Finance, Legal, PR	900,353	972,238
Operational Maintenance	1,072,945	1,114,228
Special Items	509,399	526,784
Instructional - Professional Development	220,940	228,344
Supervision - Regular School, Teaching	6,486,225	7,070,943
Programs for the Handicapped	1,062,342	1,219,634
Summer School	500	500
School Library, Audiovisual, Computers	673,640	894,688
Guidance	290,917	316,753
Health Services	210,129	219,619
Co-curricular Activities, Interscholastic Athletics	373,094	388,760
PCS Pupil Transportation	893,969	1,002,781
Olean Pupil Transportation	542,679	579,577
Employee Benefits	4,196,239	4,398,068
Debt Service	1,482,719	1,981,279
Transfer to Other Funds	130,000	130,000
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	19,046,090	21,044,197
GENERAL FUND REVENUE		
Interest & Earnings, Penalties of Taxes	16,000	16,000
Tuition and Admissions	34,500	34,500
Sale of Transportation Equipment & Other Misc Revenue	165,500	165,500
Transportation Revenue	711,633	768,891
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	927,633	984,891
STATE AID		
Operating Aid / Basic Formula Aid	9,390,598	10,765,586
Building Aid / Building Condition Survey Aid	1,260,334	1,789,429
Software, Library and Textbook Aid	85,208	80,337
BOCES Aid	1,545,446	1,592,491
TOTAL OPERATING AND OTHER AIDS	12,281,586	14,227,843
Tax Certiorari	0	0
Transfer Employee Benefit	100,000	100,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	50,000	50,000
Unemployment	50,000	50,000
Interfund Revenue (Debt Service)	15,748	10,341
TOTAL	215,748	210,341
TOTAL REVENUE OTHER THAN REAL PROPERTY TAXES	13,424,967	15,423,075
Estimated Fund Balance-Planned balance to be on hand 07/10	750,000	750,000
TOTAL REVENUE AND PLANNED BALANCE	14,174,967	16,173,075
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	4,871,122	4,871,122
TOTAL REVENUE AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES	19,046,090	21,044,197

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PORTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL FIVE YEAR BUDGET TRENDS

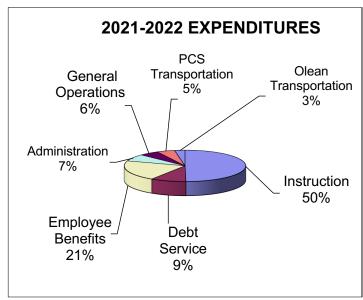


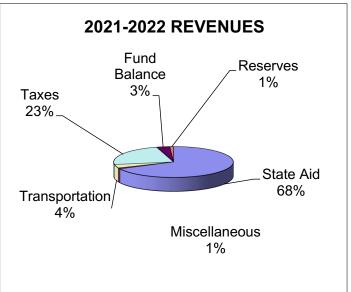
Between 2017-18 and 2021-22 the budget has increased a total of 18.83%, that is an average of 3.77% per year. It should be noted that the majority of change is for 2021-2022, due to State Aid increases.

The Tax Levy has increased 7.16% over that same time, an average of 1.43% per year.

2021-22 EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

The 2021-22 School budget reflects an increase of 10.49% or \$1,998,107 from the prior year. Portville's State Foundation Aid was increased \$965,083 or 11.49% and there is a \$529,095 increase in Building Aid due to the current project. This is great news that the State is starting to fully fund Foundation Aid based on the legally instituted formula. According to the Tax Cap calculation Portville is eligible to increase taxes by 1.46% for 2021-22. The Tax increase will be 0.00% for the 2021-22 Tax Levy. The 2021-22 budget includes a capital outlay project of \$100,000 for the Auditorium Sound System.





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BOE Candidates Seeking Election to Fill Three Vacancies

Three Portville Central School Board of Education Seats to be Voted on May 18, 2021

At the time of the budget vote on May 18, 2021, three (3) positions for the Portville Central School Board of Education will be voted on.

The terms of incumbents Steven Andrianoff and Christopher Kloc will expire on July 1, 2021. Additionally, due to the resignation of Cheryl Wood from the Board of Education, the remainder of her term (expiration on 7/1/22) will need to be filled.

Steve Andrianoff, who has served as a Portville Board of Education member since July 1, 1995, has decided not to seek re-election.



Chris Kloc is seeking another 5-year term. He has been on the board since 2011. Chris is a Controller for Portville Truck & Auto Repair. Chris is a Portville graduate and later graduated from Lock Haven University. He has been a volunteer with the Westons Mills Fire Department for 29 years and was involved with Portville Little League and Youth Sports for many years. He and his wife, Cheryl, at the parents of two sons, Colin and Nathan, both graduates of Portville Central School. Chris states that he has a genuine interest in the Portville Central School District as he has lived in the district his whole life and has two sons who graduated from his and his wife's alma mater. He believes that it is one of the best districts in Western New York in both the quality of education and the financial efficiency with this this has been achieve. It is his "goal to ensure that PCS continues to provide an excellent education while being fiscally responsible."

New candidates running at large for the other two open seats are Deb Jordan and Jennifer Faulkner.



Jennifer Faulkner works as a Laboratory Administrative Director for Upper Allegheny Health System. She has a BS in Chemistry and is a licensed/ registered Clinical Lab Technologist. Jennifer is President of the PCS Music Boosters, is a member of the Sports Boosters, has been a Portville Youth Soccer Coach, assisted with Boy Scout Troop 631, and is a Connect Life Blood Drive representative. Jennifer hopes to represent different groups in the community and feels strongly about parent/community involvement in our education system. She has a personal interest in preserving and improving the quality of our school system as a Board of Education member. Jennifer Faulkner and her husband, Chad, live on Faulkner Road in the Portville School District with their children, Cole, Owen, and Anna.



Deb Jordan is an Administrative Medical Assistant at the office of Dr. William Jaremko. She is a proud graduate of Portville Central School. Deb is active in Sports Boosters and was the former Vice President of the Music Boosters. She has been a volunteer at the Olean Food Pantry for over 10 years, in addition to many other volunteer organizations. Deb and her husband, Mike, live on Coon Hollow Road in Portville with their daughter, Emily, who is currently at junior at Portville Central School. As a board member, Deb looks forward to helping the district to grow with the ever-changing times and ensuring that all kids in the district graduate with the best skills for a successful future while always maintaining the pride of a Portville Panther.



We are excited to welcome new members to the Board of Education and want to thank Steve Andrianoff for dedicating so many years to the Portville Central School District and community. Steve will be greatly missed, and we are forever grateful for his 26 years of service on the board. Enjoy your retirement!

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CONGRATS!

Kaedence C. Ault Randy D. Babb Taylor K. Beck Tori G. Beck Jacob J. Billings Maddix Raine Jolii Bishop Ryan J. Bockman Maura London Burke Ethan James Burton Alyssa Renee Bushnell Faith E. Capito Felecia M. Capito Analise Faith Clune Jacqueline P. Daley Ethan V. Dean Brooke LeeAnn DeYoe-Vanscoter Olivia L. Emley Alexandria Estabrook Cory Feneran Kayleigh M. Forrest Levi Samuel Ganoung Blake N. George Shayden J. Gibble Kylee M. Gibbons Makayla Nicole Gilroy Gabrielle M. Green **Hunter Thomas Griffin** Kylee Elizabeth Hammond Tayalynn Harris Angela Hernandez Mia Jane Hlasnick Elena Margaret Isaman Cody A. Isenberg Hailey Erin Keim Hailey M. Kellogg Xavier Edward Kenjockety Monica B. Kintner Carley M. LaFever Connor Michael LaFever Jayden A. Lassiter Daisy Lee Layton Paige O. Lengvarsky Kayla Nicole Little Trent W. Lockwood Corissa Brooke

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Joseph Martin Long Macy L. Lotter Olivia Joyce Marshall Emma Rose Mikolajczyk Torianne Rachelle Morrow Maggie Brynn O'Connell Jack C. Pagett Dominic Nazzareno Pascucci Cody R. Perkins Delaney Ann Pettit Mackenzie V. Pilon Autumn N. Reed Shannon M. Rocheleau **Destiny Marie Rung** Devyn J. Schoen Alan Schultz-Cone Destiny R. Shaw Kaleb Dylan Shaw Keona Marie Shorter Michael E.C. Small Katherine R. Smith Lucas D. Smith Victoria Ann Mahrye Smith Matthew R. Snyder Damien E. Sorvillo Alexa May Steighner Braxton G. Stone Kyle J. Stone Caleb J. Stromberg Cameron H. Thurst Regina Mary Tkacik Ryan James Unverdorben Grace Hamonee Ward Adam J. Weatherley Leah E. Weimer Alex M. Wenke Nicholas Charles Whippo Laura Iris Wilhelm Kaitlyn Elizabeth Williams Trey Joseph Williams Hailey Rose Wyant Hailey Elizabeth Young

Jared Nicholas Zenner

Olean Public Library Bookmark Contest

Each year the "Friends of the Library" at The Olean Public Library sponsor a bookmark contest for local elementary school students in grades 1-5. The theme of this year's contest was "I like to read about..."

From each school, the Friends choose a winner in every den and one school-wide winner. Winners are invited to a special reception at the Olean Public library and receive a gift certificate and recognition for their hard work. The school-wide winner also has their bookmark published to distribute at the library and local schools throughout the Southern Tier.

The 2021 Portville Central School-wide winner is Emily Scanlon, a 4th grader from Mrs. Ash's Den. The 2021 den winners are:

Mrs. Edwards – 1st grade	Emma Keim	
Mrs. Doty – 1st grade	Troy Prescott	
Mrs. Milne – 1st grade	Dominic Buckner	
Mrs. Yehl – 1st grade	Jack Matz	
Mrs. Scott – 2nd grade	Hannah Lotter	
Mrs. MacWilliams – 2nd grade	Isabella App	
Mrs. Marsfelder – 2nd grade	May Todd	
Mrs. Noller – 2nd grade	Kaydence Leyk	
Mrs. Artlip – 3rd grade	Owen Bush	
Mr. Glover – 3rd grade	Raelee Mohr	
Miss Ulasewicz – 3rd grade	Sebastian Buckner	
Mrs. Wilson – 3rd grade	Kennedy Ewings	
Mrs. Bussman – 4th grade	Cora Warters	
Mrs. Lyons– 4th grade	Myra Ueblhear	
Mrs. Threehouse – 4th grade	Aleksandra Lounsbury	
Mrs. Ash – 4th grade	Lillyan Deck	
Mrs. Abdo – 4th grade	Zack Morella	
Mrs. Scott – 4th grade	Trenton Scanlon	
Mrs. Bowser – 5th grade	Layloni Larkin	
Mrs. Kloc – 5th grade	Alex Edick	
Mr. Rogers – 5th grade	Colt Matz	
Mrs. Deyoe – 5th grade	Aiden Carlson	
Mrs. Fidurko – multi grades	Mya Guthrie	

Congratulations to all of our participants and our 2021 winners!

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Elementary Academic Honor Roll, 2nd Quarter

Elementary honor roll for our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students was announced at the end of the second marking period in January. Mr. Corder and Mrs. Griffith visited each den and handed out honor roll certificates. As we were not able to gather for a reception in the cafeteria as we usually do, students enjoyed big cookies as a take home treat.

Elementary honor roll recognizes students in grades 4-6. The honor roll criteria is an 85 or above in core subjects. We are very proud of our honor roll students this marking period! A very special thank you to PATHS for sponsoring our academic honor roll recognition this quarter!

NameGr.	NameGr.	NameGr.
Backus, Milo David4	Studley, Landen Austin4	Bailey, Akira Linnae6
Bilby, Hunter Thomas-Dillon4	Todd, Miles Ethan4	Bauer, Emily Christine6
Brisbee, Destiny RoseAnna Grace4	Truman, Elijah Jacob4	Brainard, Bradlee Whitford6
Caldwell, Chase Michael4	Tucker, Maddison Rose4	Brink, Alexis Jo Mae6
Cole, Caelyn Louise4	Ueblhear, Myra Cole4	Brisbee, Adam Nicholas6
Deck, Lillyan May4	Warters, Cora Lynne4	DeGolier, Nazara Baylynn6
DeGolier, Azaryn Wilson4	Williams, Kamren Robert4	Dieteman, Josiah Alexander6
Dick, Cason Perry4		Edwards, Lucas Steven6
Dickerson, Sadie Mae4	Barber, Aiden James5	Frederick, Carter William6
Eastman, Zelma Violet4	Beck, Ameline Virginia5	Gariepy, Grace Isabelle6
Edwards, Nicholas Steven4	Bray, Allison Claire5	German, Colin Lee6
Everitt, Lillyana Naomi4	Brooks, Arianna Faith5	Harmon, Ethan James-Lee6
Faulkner, Anna Marie4	Carls, Marissa Carin5	Herne, Sabre Timothy6
Federowicz, Braxton Louis4	Chamberlain, Aiden Johnathon5	Hillman, Aden Zane6
Gagliardo, Alana Mae4	Custard, Tristan Knight5	Isaman, Addison May6
Giamanco, Julian Anthony4	Davenport, Aubrey Nichole5	Jadlowski, Trent Michael6
Gonska, Alivia Lynn4	Edick, Alexander Jeffrey5	Jeffers, Adelaide Nicole6
Guthrie, Mya Renee4	Elliott, Kaylin Mae5	Keim, Parker William6
Hammond, Alexandria Lee4	Everitt, Alana Elizabeth5	Latten, Michael Thomas6
Harvey, Tristan James4	Garcia, Grace Isabella5	Livingston, Aliana Jo6
Hendryx, Kyla Marie4	Gardner, Caleb Allen5	Lyle, Lauren Emily6
Hill, MaciMae Elizabeth4	Glover, Lucas Norman5	MacDonald, Kambria Grace6
Hockhousen, Paige Joanne4	Green, Joshua Tyler5	Miller, Ethan John6
Hollowell, Zhane Jordan4	Harvey, Tristen James Devlin5	Molano, Isabella Rose6
Horsley, Rex Jaxon4	Haynes, Ana Bella5	Morris, Maleah Anne6
Inman, Peyton Marie4	Hitchcock, Julia Ann-Marie5	North, Olivia Rain6
Jones, DaJuan Lamar4	Hockhousen, Landen Thomas5	Nothem, Carli Maria6
Joy, Landon Blake4	Howard, Cooper Liam5	Petersen, Alana Emily6
Lounsbury, Aleksandra Charlotte	Jobe, Marek Eli5	Puccinelli, Owen Allen6
Robyn4	Matz, Colt William5	Randolph, Mackenzie Marie6
Lyons, Lucas John4	Miles, Patience Roxanne5	Reynolds, Garrett Caleb6
Maedl, Kylie Rae4	Milligan, Sophia Grace5	Richardson, Aiden Joseph6
Maxson, Abigail June4	Mosher, Haley Rae5	Rogers, Peyton Erin6
McFall, Carter Michael4	Noller, Evelyn Marie5	Ruiz, Nehemiah Danial6
Meyer, Carlee Grace4	Root, Kallie Rose5	Schmidt, Emily Annmarie6
Morella, Zack Anthony4	Smith-Metler, August Dale5	Strade, Brayden Andrew6
Scanlon, Ava Marie4	Snyder, Isabelle Rose5	Taylor, Catence Jain6
Scanlon, Emily Katherine4	Stives, Leigha Mae5	Taylor, William Gary6
Scanlon, Trenton Rodney4	Stone, Audriana Rebecca5	Vena, Victor Anthony6
Schoonover, Sienna Marie4	Ueblhear, Marlana Belle5	Vincent, Laney Elizabeth6
Scott, Quinn Elise4	Walker, Ava Quinn5	Warters, Ella Reese6
Sena, Brecia Jessica Gee4	Whittaker, Airiana Elice5	Wenke, Dylan Jacob6
Spiller, Elias Joseph4	Williams, Keegan Maurice-Eugene5	Witter, Shane Michael6
Studley, Ajay Red4		Zeigler, Ella Ann6

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Pre-K Registration Info

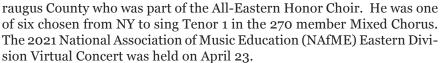
For students entering Pre-Kindergarten in the fall of 2021, that have not already received a registration packet, please contact our registrar, Michelle McCracken, at mmccracken@portvillecsd.org, or 716-933-6760, to request a registration packet to enroll.

Please also contact Mrs. McCracken if you have a child that is new to Portville Elementary that will be attending Kindergarten in the fall (a child not currently attending our PK program). Thank you!

PCS Senior Qualifies for Virtual All-State

Congratulations to senior Kaleb Shaw! He represented Portville Central School in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-State Virtual Concert on Sunday April 11 at 4:00 pm (www.nyssma.org). This outstanding singer scored a 100 on his vocal solo and was selected to participate with 900 of the top student musicians in the state!

Every other year, only those selected for All-State are considered for the All-Eastern Honor Ensembles. Kaleb is the only student from Catta-



Performing music live has not been possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, but over the past few months, he has participated in ZOOM meetings and rehearsals with his conductors. Kaleb plans to pursue a career in music education and we are very proud of his incredible accomplishments!

