

Over the course of the summer, the District Advocacy Team has been meeting and preparing for the coming year and budget cycle. We now have a full steering committee with four additional community members added after screening 80 applications and conducting interviews. Please view link for a complete list of members: <https://www.pittsfordschools.org/Page/533>

We have garnered support from some distinct groups throughout the process including Pittsford Cares, PTSA and BOE legislative branches, PDTA Rep assembly and an advisory group to the steering committee. Our goal is to develop strategies and key talking points while working with the above groups to help implement and communicate as we move through the advocacy process.

At our September meeting we agreed upon the following next steps:

- Prior to our October 16th meeting, member of the Steering Committee will meet with legislators to garner support and ask how we can help them bring adequate funding to FDK.
- After our October 16th meeting we will be asking for your help with our first call for action.
- We will reach out and explore partnering with the 4 other Districts that do not have FDK as follows:
 - Shenendehowa
 - Brighton
 - Washingtonville
 - Haverstraw-Stony Point (same District as North Rockland)

On behalf of the steering committee we thank you for your patience and willingness to advocate on behalf of PCSD. Our collective goal will be to increase financial support in the areas of Conversion Aid (startup costs) and Foundation Aid (ongoing costs) associated with FDK. We look forward to sending you our next update and plan for action in October.

PCSD Advocacy Team