



LEAN

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

2011-2012
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Keeping taxpayers and our District mission foremost,

Board holds tax levy increase at 2.65%

**By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,
Superintendent**

As we developed the 2011-12 school year budget, we did so with you in mind. We took a straightforward approach to present a fiscally sound budget that would enable the District to continue to offer quality programming to our learners without a significant increase in taxes. To prevent an unacceptable tax increase, we utilized \$1,858,178 of our reserves and other sources and reduced 9.5 staffing positions. The proposed 2011-12 budget of \$37,485,269 equates to a tax increase of 2.65%.

Over the last three years, we have seen a significant reduction of \$5,443,599 in State and Federal Aid with increases in expenses. Over the last two years the reduction in State Aid was offset with the American Recovery Reinvest Act and the Federal Jobs grant totaling \$2,302,472 resulting in a gap of \$3,141,127.

When faced with such reductions in revenue, we are only able to offset the increases through reductions in staff and programs or through increases in taxes. We are extremely aware of the hardship that increase taxes places on all of us;



Boardmanville Elementary students play cards with their one of their "senior pals" who participates in the Total Senior Care program in Olean.

yet we must not lose site of our mission; **"Home, School and Community Educating For Life"**. The proposed budget for the 2011-12 school year is one that will allow us to continue to provide excellent programming to all of our learners. We believe it is a responsible budget to both the taxpayer and the end user; the student.

It is critical that our learners are pro-

ficient in reading, math and science, that they graduate with a Regents Diploma, and that they are Career or College ready. We owe our learners an education that will foster their success in a global world. I believe that together we can do more than dream about the future of our children; together we can make their opportunities robust; together we give them a future.



BUDGET HEARING: TUESDAY, MAY 10

7 p.m., Olean Middle School (large group instruction room)

BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION: TUESDAY, MAY 17

7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Olean Middle School

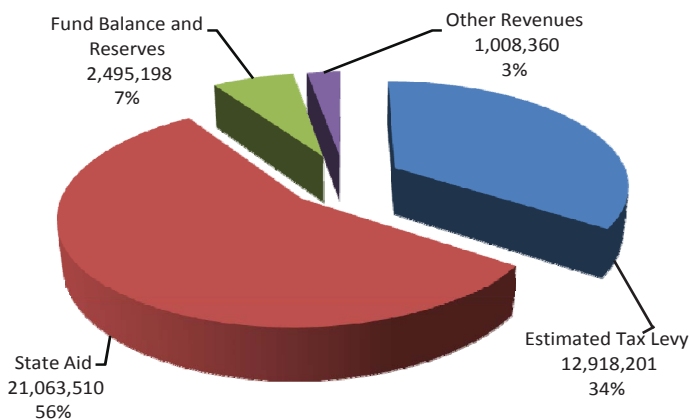
Voting for all qualified residents will take place at Olean Middle School, 401 Wayne St., Music Suite, 1st floor



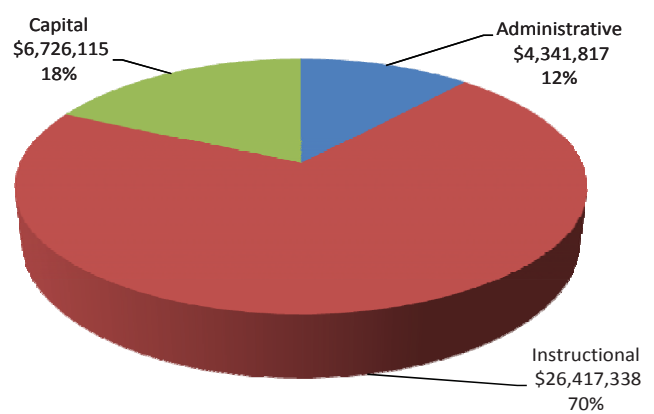
Summary of Revenues & Other Sources of Funding

	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Proposed	Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year
State Aid	\$ 20,243,822	\$ 21,063,510	\$ 819,688
Other Revenue	1,068,960	1,008,360	(60,600)
PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	247,000	48,845	(198,155)
Estimated Tax Levy & STAR Reimbursement	12,537,219	12,869,356	332,137
Total Revenue	\$ 34,097,001	\$ 34,990,071	\$ 893,070
Interfund Transfer of Debt Service		81,949	81,949
Appropriated Capital Fund	534,090	-	(534,090)
Appropriated Tax Certior	-	700,000	700,000
Appropriated Retirement Contribution	-	537,342	537,342
Appropriated EBLAR	-	29,907	29,907
Appropriated Unemployment Reserves	246,000	246,000	-
Appropriated Fund Balance	750,000	900,000	150,000
Total Revenue and Other Sources	\$ 35,627,091	\$ 37,485,269	\$ 1,858,178

2011-2012 Sources of Education Funding



2011-2012 Uses of Education Funding



Federal, State & Special Grants: 2010-2011

The following program dollars are used to support and enhance the local educational programs offered to all students of the Olean City School District.

Title I	\$ 730,652
Sec. 611 Special Education	\$ 588,045
Universal Pre-K	\$ 477,000
Even Start	\$ 223,797
Title IIA	\$ 209,802
Sec. 619 Special Education	\$ 44,107
Adult Education/WEP	\$ 45,339
Liberty Partnership	\$ 10,000
Employment Preparation Ed.	\$ 26,298
VATEA	\$ 13,800
Drug-Free Schools	\$ 989
Title IID, Technology	\$ 3,550
Title VIB	\$ 56,828
Early Reading First	\$ 898,880
ARRA Title I	\$ 191,647
ARRA Section 619	\$ 14,866
ARRA Section 611	\$ 319,465
Let's Move Olean	\$ 2,000
APY	\$ 4,666
Math & Reading Tutorials	\$ 12,111
Federal Education Jobs	\$ 143,524

Total Grants **\$4,017,366**

ESTIMATE OF 2011-2012 SCHOOL TAX INCREASE FOR PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

	Tax Bill Last Year	Tax Bill This Year	Increase
Market Value of Property \$30,000			
With Basic STAR	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Market Value of Property \$50,000			
With Basic STAR	\$ 432	\$ 441	\$ 9
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Market Value of Property \$70,000			
With Basic STAR	\$ 864	\$ 881	\$ 17
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 432	\$ 441	\$ 9
Market Value of Property \$100,000			
With Basic STAR	\$1,512	\$1,542	\$30
With Enhanced STAR	\$1,080	\$1,102	\$22

*** Estimated tax increases are based on 2010 equalization rates and assessed values for the City of Olean. Final values will be calculated when the Board of Education adopts the tax warrant in August 2011.*

Percentage Increase in the Tax Levy over Prior Year Is 2.65%.



2011-2012 Proposed Budget

	Budget Components			2011-2012	2010-2011	Inc (Dec) \$
	Administrative	Capital	Program	Total	Total	
General Support						
Board of Education	27,800			27,800	25,800	2,000
Central Administration	199,583			199,583	194,783	4,801
Finance	319,446			319,446	301,214	18,232
Legal/Personnel/Public Info	274,129			274,129	245,290	28,839
Operations & Maintenance		2,582,704		2,582,704	2,634,921	(52,217)
Central Storeroom and Printing	53,804			53,804	51,351	2,453
Insurance/Refunds/Dues/Unclassified	162,904			162,904	182,233	(19,329)
BOCES Central Data/Admin/Capital	1,096,257			1,096,257	1,138,975	(42,718)
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	2,133,923	2,582,704	-	4,716,627	4,774,567	(57,940)
Instructional Support						
Curriculum/Supervision/Inservice	1,461,303			1,461,303	1,465,962	(4,659)
Instruction - Regular School			11,182,516	11,182,516	11,328,693	(146,177)
Instruction - Special Needs, Summer, Occ Ed			6,406,843	6,406,843	6,188,607	218,236
Instruction - Media/Technology			870,550	870,550	858,897	11,653
Guidance/Health/Psychological			1,008,254	1,008,254	889,360	118,894
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities			319,580	319,580	335,559	(15,979)
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	1,461,303	-	19,787,743	21,249,046	21,067,078	181,967
Student Transportation						
District Transportation			42,942	42,942	49,614	(6,672)
Contract Transportation			876,536	876,536	852,443	24,093
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	-	-	919,478	919,478	902,057	17,421
Employee Benefits						
TRS & NYS ERS/Retirement	221,425	168,053	1,605,239	1,994,716	1,306,137	688,579
Social Security	135,420	86,808	1,058,485	1,280,712	1,257,584	23,128
Worker's Compensation	15,781	10,116	123,352	149,250	122,363	26,887
Unemployment Insurance	10,574	6,778	82,648	100,000	366,000	(266,000)
Health Benefits/Other	363,392	232,944	2,840,393	3,436,728	3,524,490	(87,762)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	746,591	504,699	5,710,117	6,961,406	6,576,574	384,832
Debt Service						
Serial Bonds - Building		3,412,583		3,412,583	1,405,669	2,006,914
Bond Anticipation Note - Capital Project		-		-	675,000	(675,000)
Revenue Anticipation Note - Capital Project		50,000		50,000	50,000	-
Electrical Performance Contract		81,129		81,129	81,146	(17)
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	-	3,543,712	-	3,543,712	2,211,815	1,331,897
Interfund Transfers						
Transfer to Special Aid		65,000		65,000	65,000	-
Transfer to Cafeteria		30,000		30,000	30,000	-
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-	95,000	-	95,000	95,000	-
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	4,341,817	6,726,115	26,417,338	37,485,269	35,627,091	1,858,178

Explanation of Three Part Budget Presentation - Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 require public school boards of education to present the proposed budget in three parts. As a result, this presentation is organized around the following components; administrative, capital, and program:

Administrative Component: Includes expenses associated with the operation of the school board, superintendent's office, and business office. Includes salaries and benefits for all certified administrators and

supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing administrative duties, consulting costs not directly related to instructional programs, and all other activities that are administrative in nature.

Capital Component: Includes debt service for all facilities financed by bonds and notes of the district, lease expenditures, costs resulting from judgments in tax certiorari proceedings, awards from court judgments, administrative orders and settled claims, cost of construction,

acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and improvements of school buildings, all expenses associated with custodial and maintenance salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and repair of school facilities.

Program Component: Includes salaries/benefits of teachers and any school administrator or supervisor who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and all transportation operating expenses.

The New York State School Report Card

Fiscal Accountability Supplement for Olean City School District

New York State Education Law and the Commissioner's Regulations require the attachment of the NYS School Report Card to the public school district budget proposal. The regulations require that certain expenditure ratios for general education and special education students be reported and compared with ratios for similar districts and all public schools. The required ratios for this district are reported below.

2008-2009 School Year		General Education	Special Education
This School District	Instructional Expenditures	\$20,869,142	\$7,612,462
	Pupils	2,288	374
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,121	\$20,354
Similar District Group	Instructional Expenditures	\$2,304,374,193	\$875,683,110
	Pupils	208,640	33,094
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,045	\$26,460
Total of All School Districts in NY State	Instructional Expenditures	\$29,417,505,672	\$10,926,323,899
	Pupils	2,705,290	411,516
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,874	\$26,551
Similar District Group Description: High Need/Resource Capacity Urban or Suburban			

Instructional Expenditures for General Education are K-12 expenditures for classroom instruction (excluding Special Education) plus a proration of building level administrative and instructional support expenditures. These expenditures include amounts for instruction of students with disabilities in a general education setting. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service, and district-wide administration, are not included.

The pupil count for General Education is K-12 average daily membership plus K-12 pupils for whom the district pays tuition to another school district. This number represents all pupils, including those classified as having disabilities and those not classified, excluding only students with disabilities placed out of district. For districts in which a county jail is located, this number includes incarcerated youth to whom the district must provide an education program.

Instructional Expenditures for Special Education are K-12 expenditures for students with disabilities (including summer special education expenditures) plus a proration of building-level administrative and instructional support expenditures. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service, and district-wide administration, are not included.

The pupil count for Special Education is a count of K-12 students with disabilities as of October 1, 2008 plus students for whom the district receives tuition from another district plus students for whom the district pays tuition to another district. Students attending the State schools at Rome and Batavia, private placements, and out-of-state placements are included.

Instructional Expenditures Per Pupil is the simple arithmetic ratio of Instructional Expenditures to Pupils. The total cost of instruction for students with disabilities may include both general and special education expenditures. Special education services provided in the general education classroom may benefit students not classified as having disabilities.



News from around the 'Middle'

Tim Hortons Summer Camp: Congratulations to Corben Becelia and Jared Bertch (*pictured at right*)! They are the two sixth grade students selected this year to attend the Tim Hortons Summer Camp in Campbellsville, Kentucky. Each year Tim Hortons sends two students to a summer camp in July for 10 days with proceeds from their Tim Hortons Camp Day paying for this opportunity. Watch for information about this in early June.

Fifth Grade Parent Night: The annual Fifth Grade Parent Night is Wednesday, May 18th, at 7 p.m. in the Olean Middle School L.G.I. Room. Information will be presented to parents on how OMS guidance staff can help with the transition from elementary to middle school. Parents will also be given strategies on how to help their child be successful in the 6th grade. It is not necessary for your child to attend this meeting.

2011-2012 Teams: Although we do not accept requests from parents for a particular



team, we do appreciate obtaining information from you that will help us build a successful schedule for your child. If you wish to provide us with information, you can call the Guidance Office at 375-8064 or e-mail your child's guidance counselor. We ask that this information reach us **no later than May 31st**.

How Teams are Created: All teams are

constructed to be as similar as possible by ability level and gender. Each year, for all grade levels, we have a designated team that works with the Resource Room teacher and the other team works with our Special Education Inclusion teachers. Guidance will take into consideration any specific information given to them by their current teachers or parents, and make a determination of which team your student will be most successful with. *We do not change teams for any reason once that determination has been made.*

Report Cards/Progress Reports: All report cards and progress reports will now be mailed home. The last progress report should arrive the week of May 17th. Third quarter report cards should have arrived the week of April 19th, and fourth quarter report cards should arrive around June 27th.

Guidance Web Page: Check out our Guidance web page. It is listed under "Teams" on the Olean Middle School website.

'Real world' welding

Welding students from the Olean BOCES Center are working on a hard facing welding project funded by a local paving contractor. This sort of project provides students with the opportunity to work on "real world" welding applications. Hard facing is applied to the cutting surfaces of excavating equipment to keep the abrasion of demolition materials, rocks, etc. from prematurely wearing the cutting edges away. Students from Allegany-Limestone, Olean, Portville, and several adult students are participating in the project. Pictured (l-r) are Logan Shearer (Olean), Mike Rice Jr. (Olean), and Ray Dunham (adult).



District Wellness Night

On Thursday, February 17, a Wellness Night was held for the Olean City School District from 6-8 p.m. Over 150 people participated in this event sponsored by the District's Health and Wellness Committee.

A special thank you goes out to the following organizations who helped make this event so successful: Cattaraugus County Health Dept., Olean General Hospital, Reality Check, Cornell Cooperative Extension, CAREes, Angees Restaurant, Dana Boser, Olean Family YMCA, and Enchanted Mountain Martials Arts Academy.

Ivers J. Norton: Students participated in a reading incentive program from the first week of January to the first week of March. This program was supported by the PTO and the entire staff. IJN Title 1 reading teachers, Pam Neary, Ann Sorokes, and Kelley Whitney, organized and led the program. A monthly folder was sent home to families to encourage a home-school connection to literacy. Weekly motivational incentives were given to encourage participation from one and all. Students earned “snowballs” by reading at home each day for 15 minutes or more. These paper snowballs were then used to make classroom “snow people” displayed in the hallway for all to enjoy. Mrs. Hirleman’s kindergarten class won the overall participation incentive with 890 snowballs of the total 2,593 earned.

The culmination of the reading program was held on Theodor Seuss Geisel’s March 2nd birthday. Throughout the day, students enjoyed the classroom visits from the Cat in the Hat and were given a special hat of their own. The 260 hand made hats were part of a lesson and activity led by Lindsay Peterson, a St. Bonaventure



University student teacher. Students in Mrs. Larsen-Deibler’s first grade class witnessed the use of a treadle sewing machine and then helped to sew their own hats. Ms. Peterson and her mother, Marie Peterson, then took on the task of sewing a hat for every student.

Guest readers shared many of Dr. Seuss’ 44 children’s books including his

most widely known classics like Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat in the Hat, One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, Horton Hatches the Egg, Horton Hears a Who!, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

IJN students enjoyed cupcakes created by BOCES’s Culinary Arts students under the direction of Mr. Bill Baker and student Ashley Bennett.

Elementary School News



East View: East View’s 5th graders recently took part in a simulated space mission at the Challenger Learning Center. The students had a great time and learned a lot about what it is like to be a scientist, engineer, or researcher working for NASA. In addition to the space mission, the students toured the Quick Arts Center and worked on a tile mosaic of the flight mission badge which was designed by 5th grader, Jason Gabler. Special thanks to Tom Moser from the Challenger Center, Evelyn Sabina from the Quick Arts Center and the Olean Schools Foundation for helping to make this great experience possible for our children.



Boardmanville: Mrs. Gabler’s and Mr. Wentz’s classes have been visiting the senior citizen participants at Total Senior Care for the past two years. Students have partnered with their “senior pals” to complete craft projects, play cooperative games, and create care packages for soldiers. Students have also entertained their senior friends by singing holiday carols during the holiday season, and more recently singing karaoke on St. Patrick’s Day! The children and seniors always have a great time together, and enjoy regular monthly visits.

Jump Rope for Heart raises more than \$5,600

On Tuesday, March 22nd, the Olean City School District Physical Education Department held its 21st Annual “**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**” event to benefit the American Heart Association. This activity, involving approximately 150 students in grades 4 & 5, took place in the Olean High School gymnasium from 6-7:30 p.m.

Teams of students jumped for a total of 90 minutes at 2-minute intervals. Students obtained donations from sponsors in return for their team participating in this event.

The top fundraisers from each school are as follows: Alex Jodush, Boardmanville Elementary, \$175; Jaret Prizel, Ivers J. Norton Elementary, \$200; Jessica Olson, East View Elementary, \$250; Sophia Melvin, Washington West Elementary, \$309.

“Jump Rope For Heart” serves to promote physical activity and a healthy active lifestyle. It shows students the benefits of a regular exercise program, gives them vital information about cardiovascular health and helps them understand that the way they treat their bodies today will affect the quality of their lives tomorrow. The event coordinated by the Olean City School District physical education staff and sponsored by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education,



Pictured left to right: Jaret Prizel (IJN), Alex Jodush (BDV), Jessica Olson (EV), Sophia Melvin (WW), and Robyn Swan (AHA representative).

Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD), benefits the American Heart Association. All proceed raised through “Jump Rope For Heart” benefit the life-saving research and education programs of the AHA.

The grand total raised for this year was **\$5,653**. To date, this annual physical education department event has raised over \$95,000 for the American Heart Association.

Washington West: A fundraiser coordinated by School Nurse Jennifer Hendrickson for Heart Disease Awareness Month benefited the American Heart Association. Throughout the month of February, students and staff were invited to purchase a red heart for a \$1 donation. For each donation, staff and students were able to put their name on their heart and display it on the school nurse’s “I Make a Difference” wall in the hallway. The activity brought in over \$292 to help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation’s number one and number three killers, and students learned how much fun making a difference can be!

Nurse Jen sends out a big thank you to all who participated!



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OHS senior Kara Frisina earns full scholarship to Ohio University

Congratulations to Olean High School senior Kara Frisina on being named the 2011 recipient of the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Manasseh Cutler Scholarship at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. This prestigious scholarship covers full tuition, room and board, a book allowance, and non-resident tuition surcharges for out-of-state students for four years. In addition, the scholarship also assists with travel and living expenses for four summer enrichment experiences.

Dr. Wilfred R. Konneker, Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Cutler Scholars Program, started this award partnership with Olean High School in 2003. Dr. Konneker's wife, Ann Lee Hancock Konneker, was a graduate of Olean High School. Dr. Konneker supports this scholarship to reward well-rounded students at his alma mater and his wife's alma mater and to encourage them to attend Ohio University.

Previous recipients of this scholarship opportunity include Stephanie Ksionzyk (OHS class of 2003), and Lindsey Cheek (OHS class of 2007).

The next opportunity for an Olean High School senior to win the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Manasseh Cutler scholarship will be with the graduating class of 2015. Students with at least a 90% cumulative average at the time of the award offering will be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Kara is the daughter of Al and Jeanne Frisina of Olean.



OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission ...

"Home, School and Community
Educating for Life"

Values ...

- Excellence
- Honesty/Integrity
- Learning
- Mutual Respect
- Resourcefulness
- Responsibility & Accountability
- Sensitivity to Diverse Needs
- Teamwork

Strategic Themes ...

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Facilities & Learning Environment
- Finance/Resource Management
- Building Relationships