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CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

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Board focused on balancing educational quality while keeping Tax levy increase below allotted cap

By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,
Superintendent

The 2012-13 school year budget development began in July of 2011. Over the past three years, the District has experienced a reduction in revenue sources with increased expenses. This has forced reductions in programs and staff. Throughout this time, the Board of Education has strived to find the balance of maintaining quality programming while being sensitive to the needs of our local taxpayers.

To prevent the loss of quality programming, the Board of Education voted, on March 6, 2012, to close two elementary buildings, Ivers J. Norton and Boardmanville, which assisted in closing a \$3,400,000 budget deficit by \$1,250,650. The remaining deficit was reduced through further program and staff reductions. Program reductions occurred in art, library and music; realignment and take-back of Special Education programs from BOCES took place; expenditures in athletics were reduced by \$18,000.

The proposed budget decrease is \$1,012,236. The decrease is a result of the use of reserves to help offset the 2011-12 school year budget. Reserves are available for use similar to a personal savings account. Reserves are a one-time revenue source for the purpose of offsetting unexpected increases in expenses. It is not fiscally sound budgeting practice to use reserves to fund reoccurring expenses. Therefore, to offset the use of the reserves, the proposed tax levy increase is 2% which is 1.12% below the allotted increase permitted by law.

With the reconfiguration great possibilities can emerge. The students of Olean are about to embark upon a time of great



academic, extra-curricular, and social/emotional possibilities. For example: more students will be able to utilize the pool on a regular basis; high school students will have the opportunity to share their expertise of music, foreign language, literacy, math, etc. ... in the format of an internship or the creation of a Big Buddy program; the advanced 8th grade students will have more upper level classes available to them; PK-3 will have more opportunity

for extended learning opportunities such as integrated ELA/Science and Social Studies units that promote a co-teaching model. The teachers, support staff, and administrators, at each school, welcome the challenge of developing and strengthening programs for our learners.

As we move forward with the transitioning of our students to new schools, it is important for all of us to reflect on the great memories of the past as we work together to create a better future for the children. We must be diligent in our efforts to protect valued traditions while creating opportunity for a renewal of enthusiasm, effectiveness, and academic excellence. We must pay careful attention to the needs of the learners, the staff, and the parents. Each person within our school community plays a vital role in the success of the Olean City School District. The extension of kindness, purposefulness, cooperation, and flexibility will ensure a successful transition for our students, our staff, our parents, and our community at large. As quoted by Mahatma Gandhi: **"The future depends on what we do in the present."** Moving forward collectively promotes a positive synergy that enhances creativity; stimulates innovative thinking and problem solving; and ensures we have the students at the center of all decisions.



PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

TUESDAY, MAY 1ST

6 p.m., Olean High School Auditorium, 410 W. Sullivan St.

BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION:

TUESDAY, MAY 1ST

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

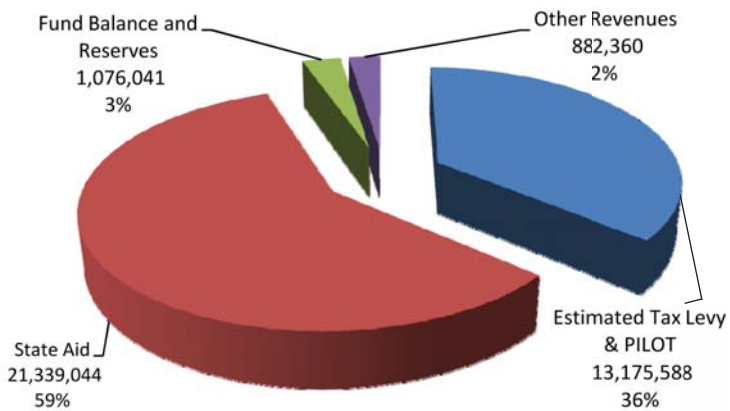


Voting will be at Olean Middle School, 401 Wayne St., Music Suite, 1st floor

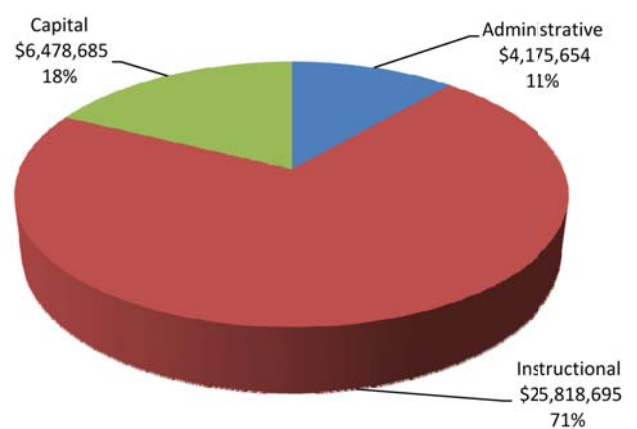
Summary of Revenues & Other Sources of Funding

	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Proposed	Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year
State Aid	\$ 21,063,510	\$ 21,339,044	\$ 275,534
Other Revenue	1,008,360	882,360	(126,000)
PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	48,845	48,845	-
Estimated Tax Levy & STAR Reimbursement	12,869,356	13,126,743	257,387
Total Revenue	\$ 34,990,071	\$ 35,396,992	\$ 406,921
Interfund Transfer of Debt Service	81949	81949	-
Appropriated Capital Fund	-	94,092	94,092
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	900,000	900,000	-
Total Revenue and Other Sources	\$ 37,485,269	\$ 36,473,033	\$ (1,012,236)

2012-2013 Sources of Education Funding



2012-2013 Uses of Education Funding



Federal, State & Special Grants: 2011-12 School Yr.

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	\$ 763,748
Title IIA	\$ 181,611
Title VIB	\$ 54,170
Sec. 611 Special Education	\$ 655,434
Sec. 619 Special Education	\$ 44,368
School Improvement	\$ 30,340
Universal Pre-K	\$ 477,387
Even Start	\$ 87,428
Early Reading First	\$ 914,883
Math & Reading Tutorials	\$ 10,000
At Risk Youth	\$ 11,000
Freshman Mentoring	\$ 350
NFL	\$ 11,000
APY	\$ 4,666
Race to the Top	\$ 10,000
Federal Education Jobs	\$ 397,286
Adult Education/WEP	\$ 45,339
Liberty Partnership	\$ 24,070
Employment Preparation Ed.	\$ 22,125
Food for Thought	\$ 3,524

Total Grants **\$3,748,729**

ESTIMATE OF 2012-2013 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	\$ 440	\$ 449	\$ 9
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Market Value of Property \$70,000			
With Basic STAR	\$ 881	\$ 899	\$ 18
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 441	\$ 449	\$ 8
Market Value of Property \$100,000			
With Basic STAR	\$1,542	\$1,573	\$31
With Enhanced STAR	\$1,101	\$1,124	\$23

*** Estimated tax increases are based on 2011 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 2012.*

Percentage Increase in the Tax Levy over Prior Year Is 2.00%.



2012-2013 Proposed Budget

	Budget Components			2012-2013 Total	2011-2012 Total	Inc (Dec) \$
	Administrative	Capital	Program			
General Support						
Board of Education	27,800			27,800	27,800	-
Central Administration	205,071			205,071	199,583	5,488
Finance	314,510			314,510	319,446	(4,936)
Legal/Personnel/Public Info	277,767			277,767	274,129	3,638
Operations & Maintenance		2,341,837		2,341,837	2,582,704	(240,867)
Central Storeroom and Printing	55,070			55,070	53,804	1,266
Insurance/Refunds/Dues/Unclassified	156,904	6,000		162,904	162,904	-
BOCES Central Data/Admin/Capital	1,171,532			1,171,532	1,096,257	75,275
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	2,208,655	2,347,837	-	4,556,492	4,716,627	(160,135)
Instructional Support						
Curriculum/Supervision/Inservice	1,253,968			1,253,968	1,461,303	(207,335)
Instruction - Regular School			10,677,722	10,677,722	11,182,516	(504,794)
Insrtuction - Special Needs, Summer, Occ Ed			6,477,568	6,477,568	6,406,843	70,725
Instruction - Media/Technology			844,762	844,762	870,550	(25,788)
Guidance/Health/Psychological			933,586	933,586	1,008,254	(74,668)
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities			327,999	327,999	319,580	8,419
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	1,253,968	-	19,261,637	20,515,605	21,249,046	(733,441)
Student Transportation						
District Transportation			58,298	58,298	42,942	15,356
Contract Transportation			823,145	823,145	876,536	(53,391)
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	-	-	881,443	881,443	919,478	(38,034)
Employee Benefits						
TRS & NYS ERS/Retirement	230,837	189,861	1,735,562	2,156,261	1,994,716	161,545
Social Security	121,981	78,989	1,034,375	1,235,345	1,280,712	(45,367)
Worker's Compensation	15,474	10,021	131,218	156,713	149,250	7,463
Unemployment Insurance	12,343	7,993	104,665	125,000	100,000	25,000
Health Benefits/Other	332,396	200,323	2,669,794	3,202,512	3,436,728	(234,216)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	713,030	487,186	5,675,615	6,875,831	6,961,406	(85,575)
Debt Service						
Serial Bonds - Building		3,417,518		3,417,518	3,412,583	4,935
Bond Anticipation Note - Capital Project		-		-	-	-
Revenue Anticipation Note - Capital Project		50,000		50,000	50,000	-
Electrical Performance Contract		81,144		81,144	81,129	15
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	-	3,548,662	-	3,548,662	3,543,712	4,950
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	4,175,654	6,478,685	25,818,695	36,473,033	37,485,269	(1,012,236)

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.

2009-2010 School Year		General Education	Special Education
This School District	Instructional Expenditures	\$19,309,041	\$7,755,684
	Pupils	2,291	379
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,428	\$20,464
Similar District Group	Instructional Expenditures	\$2,263,608,524	\$913,362,654
	Pupils	210,182	32,782
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,770	\$27,862
Total of All School Districts in NY State	Instructional Expenditures	\$30,088,158,593	\$11,362,166,093
	Pupils	2,709,505	422,576
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,105	\$26,888
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 for the 2009-10 school year 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.



Happy 100th birthday, Mrs. Dohl!

Mrs. Helen (Cruse) Dohl, retired Olean High School French teacher, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 14, 2012.

Mrs. Dohl began her teaching career at OHS in 1933 and retired in 1968.

Congratulatory messages may be mailed to her at 715 King Street, Olean, NY 14760.



News from around the 'Middle'

Congratulations Marcus Snyder, 2nd quarter winner of the Five Star Bank Wants You to Be Our Movie Star good grade incentive program. Every OMS student who earns an "A" in any core subject is eligible to win a night at the movies, compliments of Five Star Bank. To enter, the students simply stop by the Olean Branch of Five Star Bank or the OMS Guidance office with their report card. Each "A" in a core subject earns them a chance in the drawing. A winner is chosen two weeks after each marking period. The prize is a \$25 movie gift certificate and a popcorn bucket full of snacks.

Pictured from left are: Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal; Marcus Snyder; and Amy Schneggenburger, Five Star Bank Branch Manager.



OHS guidance office reminders

Juniors Gear up for College!

This is the time of year that juniors should be preparing for the college applications process. Colleges will weigh a variety of factors when determining whether or not a student will be admitted to a particular college. Colleges will review a student's overall grade point average, how rigorous the student's course load is during high school, exam scores, extra-curricular activities and how the student scored on the SAT or ACT exam. Juniors headed to college after graduation should take at least one SAT or ACT exam by the end of the junior year. This gives students an opportunity to view their scores and possibly retake the exam if needed. Juniors should also attend upcoming college fairs and open houses or make individual appointments with the college of their choice.

During classroom presentations the counselors emphasize the importance of viewing college websites and looking over the curriculum for a particular college major. This gives students an in-depth look into courses they may be taking during their college career. This spring juniors should be researching colleges, college majors and visiting schools that they find most appealing. Juniors will begin to apply to college in the fall of the senior year. If you have questions stop in to see your Guidance Counselor.

Junior Spring Timeline

- SAT Exam - June 2 at OHS. Register by May 8 at www.collegeboard.org
- ACT exam - June 9 at OHS. Register by May 3 at www.act.org
- Prospective NCAA college athletes register at www.ncaa.org

Important Web Resources

- www.collegeview.com (search colleges by state, major, athletics, etc.)
- www.regentsprep.org (study for your Regents exams)
- www.nycareerzone.org (search careers)
- www.bls.gov/oco (search occupations, wages, and required education)

2012 Graduation Dates

- Graduation rehearsal - June 21, TBA
- Graduation - June 23, 11 a.m.



Winter 2011-12 All-Sportsmanship Team

Congratulations to the OHS All-Sportsmanship Team for Winter 2011-12. Pictured (l-r): AD's Choice (Girls' Basketball) – Gaby Harrington; JV Boys' Basketball – Christian Gayton; V. Girls' Basketball – Mackenzie Yanetsko; V. Boys' Basketball – Jake Perry; JV Girls' Basketball – Maddy Hamed; V. Wrestling – Brad Painter; V. Boys' Swim & Dive – Mike Materna. Missing from photo: V. Cheerleading – Kendall Ullman.

BOARDMANVILLE: Boardmanville Elementary students competed in the Saint Bonaventure University math competition “Challenge 24” on March 17th. Nine students in grades 3, 4, and 5 participated under the direction of Boardmanville teacher Nancy Sullivan. All nine students advanced to the final round. Taking 2nd place for the 3rd grade was Joseph Magro. In the 4th grade division, Quinn Forrest took 2nd place and Lindsey Wind took 3rd place. Finalists were: Hira Mirza, Reagan Stitt, Paxton Retchless, Marina Heister, Sophie Sova, and Yuki Wada.



IVERS J. NORTON: Fourth and fifth grade students at IJN are recognized for their academic achievement each semester. Students join the Honor Roll when they have an overall average of 91% or better with no grade lower than 75% in any subject. Students who are within 5 points of Honor Roll are considered to be “On a Roll” and working hard. Implemented by our guidance counselor, Jeanne Frisina, the program continues to gain membership. This semester 25 student members were listed on Honor Roll, with 11 students listed as “On a Roll.”

On April 4th (after the end of the third semester) our Honor Roll students enjoyed a chocolate fountain with fresh fruit, apple pastries, deviled eggs, and juice that was provided by staff members Mr. Samuelson, Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs. Kallenbach, Ms. Stuff, Mrs. Frisina, Mrs. Sorokes, Mrs. Harenda, and PTO President Mrs. Dwaileebe. Honor Roll students collect a charm on a keychain for each marking period that they maintain their grades. “On a Roll” students were treated to a cinnamon roll. Many thanks to those who support our students in this endeavor! Congratulations to a fine group of academic achievers!

Elementary School News

EAST VIEW: East View Elementary School is very proud of all of our students who participated in the annual “Challenge 24” Math Competition sponsored by the St. Bonaventure University Math Department.

The 4th Grade team included: Gavin Kulp, Sammy Mest, Carter Vaughn, and Mackenzie Windus. Special congratulations to our 5th Grade Team who swept their grade level competition with the gold medal going to Sara Pfeiffer, silver medal to Brian Ramarge, and the bronze medal to Brianna Painter. These students were coached by 5th Grade teacher, Mr. Ryan Talbot.

Pictured above are students who won the “Challenge 24” competition at the 5th grade level: (front, l-r) Brianna Painter - bronze medal; Brian Ramarge - silver medal; Sara Pfeiffer - gold medal; and (back) Ryan Talbot, 5th grade teacher and “Challenge 24” coach. “Challenge 24” is a math game in which students are presented a card with 4 numbers. They must use those numbers only once in any combination of operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication or division) to arrive at the answer 24.



Jump Rope for Heart raises more than \$5,000

On Wednesday, March 21st the Olean City School District Physical Education Department held its 22nd annual "JUMP ROPE FOR HEART" event to benefit the American Heart Association. This activity involving about 150 students in grades 4 & 5 took place in the Olean High School gymnasium from 6-7:30 pm. Teams of students jumped for a total of 70 minutes at 2-minute intervals. Students obtained donations from sponsors in return for their team participating actively in this event. The top fundraisers from each school are as follows: Sandra Barlett, Ivers J. Norton Elementary, \$635; Sophie Melvin, Washington West Elementary, \$301; Kyle Foster, East View Elementary, \$200; and Zaine O'Brien, Boardmanville Elementary, \$160.

"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: Kyle Foster (EV), Zaine O'Brien (BDV), Sophie Melvin (WW), and Sandra Barlett (IJN).

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 \$5,084, with IJN raising \$1,422, East View \$1,393, Washington West \$1,384 and Boardmanville \$885.

To date, this annual physical education department event has raised over \$100,000 for the American Heart Association.

WASHINGTON WEST: Ms. Matejka's 3rd Graders were hired as reporters for their very own class newspaper - *Daily Virtues*. Every part of the newspaper informed readers of different virtues that are important to the students. Each student was in charge of writing an article, a poem, and creating art work which goes along with both. Choice artwork was a range between electronic and magazine collages (Wordle), drawings, comics, paper crafts and even photographs which represent their topic. Since the students were hired for 'real life' writing, they were paid (in fake money) to use at Matejka Mart, the class store. Mrs. Matejka highlighted how important it is that learning is related and relevant to the real world.

Each student wrote about an important virtue. They acknowledged how they live the virtue and how their peers/family show it too. "These 3rd Grade students were writing about detachment, justice, and even humility – isn't that great?!" exclaimed Mrs. Matejka regarding her students' efforts.

Their newspaper even included a vote with graphs (which virtue makes you a world changer ((integrity)); which virtue is most often not used in arguments ((peacefulness)); which virtue makes friends the best ((loyalty)). The newspaper also offered a 'featured virtue' where the students acknowledged what they appreciated about their families. In addition to that, there was a write up about what virtue every individual in the class demon-



strates and how.

Working on this newspaper helped all of the students focus on several virtues and to learn to see those virtues in their peers. It was a truly collaborative effort resulting in an impressive publication by some thoughtful students. Good work, world changers!



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Coach Anastasia inducted into Catt. County Sports Hall of Fame

On Saturday March 24, 2012, OHS Coach Jeff Anastasia was inducted into the Cattaraugus County "Sports Hall of Fame."

Coach Anastasia has coached the Olean High Boys' Varsity Basketball team for 25 years and has amassed over 400 career wins. His teams have won numerous CCAA league and Section VI titles and also claimed a New York State Championship in 2008. Congratulations Coach Jeff Anastasia on this well deserved recognition, and thanks for being "Our Coach" at OHS.

Pictured with Coach Anastasia are: (front, l-r) his mom (Marlene), wife (Barb), and (back) his dad (Ron).



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Mission ...

"Home, School and Community
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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