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CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home, School and Community Educating for Life"

2013-2014
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Budget Reflects Taxpayers' Voice and District's Mission

Board Approves 2.8% Tax Levy Increase

**By Dr. Colleen Taggerty,
Superintendent**

Over the past five years, the Olean City School District, due to the loss of \$6,298,912 in State Aid, has been forced to reduce expenditures resulting in: the closing of two schools, reduction of program offerings; as well as significant reductions in staffing to achieve the goal of fiscal solvency.

For the 2013-14 budget, New York State reduced the Gap Elimination Adjustment by \$605,781. With the additional State Aid, the use of Reserves, and a 2.8% tax levy increase, the Board of Education has approved a budget that supports current academic and extracurricular program offerings. This includes a full day Pre-K program. Sadly, the Early Reading First Grant has ended, thus, forcing the further elimination of three additional teaching positions.

The Board, being responsive to the voice of the taxpayers, bonded together to assure the development of a fiscally responsible budget that supports the financial implications of the curriculum and assessment shifts endorsed by the New



York State Education Department. The 2013-14 proposed budget of \$37,612,024, an increase of \$1,138,991, is one that respects the taxpayers' voice and one that encompasses the need for the allocation of appropriate resources to fully implement the Common Core Standards.

Solon stated, "In all things that you do, consider the end." In all matters the Board

of Education has had to consider over the last five years, they did so with the end goal in mind - - to preserve excellent programming while remaining fiscally solvent. The 2013-14 proposed budget supports the Board's end goal:

*"Home, School and Community
Educating For Life."*



PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH

7 p.m., Olean Intermediate Middle School
LGI Room, 401 Wayne St.

**BUDGET VOTE &
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION:**

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

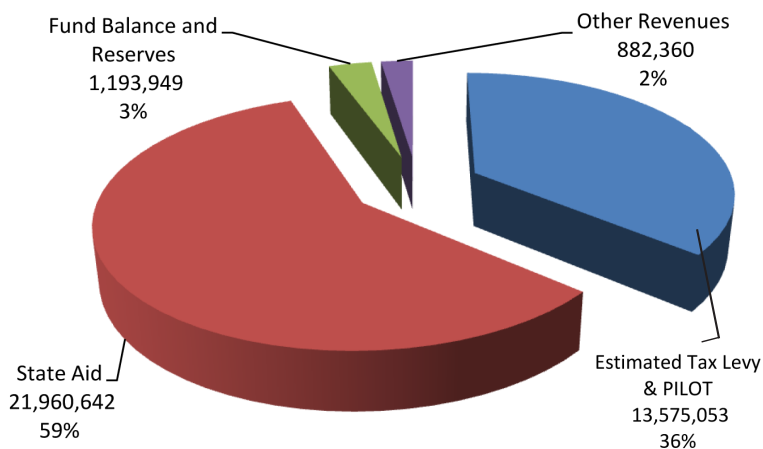
7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Olean Intermediate Middle School

**** Voting will be at OIMS, 401 Wayne St., Music Suite, 1st floor ****

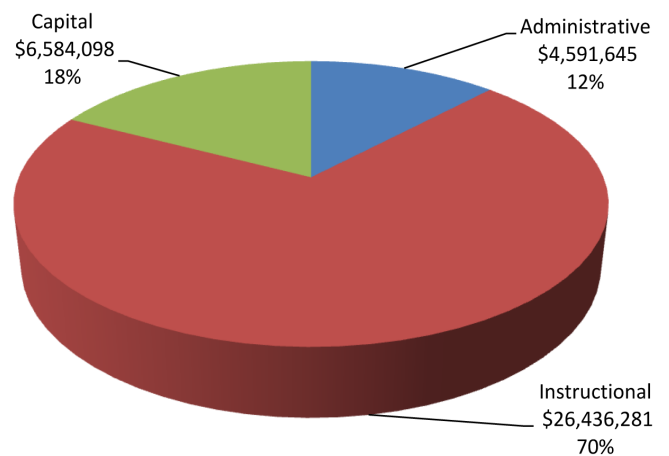
Summary of Revenues & Other Sources of Funding

	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Proposed	Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year
State Aid	\$ 21,339,044	\$ 21,960,642	\$ 621,598
Other Revenue	882,360	882,360	-
PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	48,845	81,110	32,265
Estimated Tax Levy & STAR Reimbursement	13,126,743	13,493,963	367,220
Total Revenue	\$ 35,396,992	\$ 36,418,075	\$ 1,021,083
Interfund Transfer of Debt Service	81,949	281,949	200,000
Appropriated Capital Fund	94,092	-	(94,092)
Appropriated Retirement Contribution	-	12,000	12,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	900,000	900,000	-
Total Revenue and Other Sources	\$ 36,473,033	\$ 37,612,024	\$ 1,138,991

2013-2014 Sources of Education Funding



2013-2014 Uses of Education Funding



Federal, State & Special Grants: 2012-13 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	\$ 707,517
Title IIA	\$ 177,429
Title VIB	\$ 95,304
Sec. 611 Special Education	\$ 622,482
Sec. 619 Special Education	\$ 45,994
School Improvement	\$ 60,000
Universal Pre-K	\$ 457,687
Early Reading First	\$ 556,728
Math & Reading Tutorials	\$ 10,000
At Risk Youth	\$ 11,000
Race to the Top	\$ 104,650
Adult Education/WEP	\$ 45,339
Liberty Partnership	\$ 33,000
Employment Preparation Ed.	\$ 21,945

Total Grants

\$2,949,075

ESTIMATE OF 2013-2014 SCHOOL TAX INCREASE FOR PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

	Tax Bill Last Year	Tax Bill This Year	Increase
Assessed Value of Property \$30,000			
With Basic STAR	\$ 0	\$ 5	\$ 5
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Assessed Value of Property \$50,000			
With Basic STAR	\$ 449	\$ 466	\$ 17
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Assessed Value of Property \$70,000			
With Basic STAR	\$ 899	\$ 926	\$ 27
With Enhanced STAR	\$ 449	\$ 233	-\$216
Assessed Value of Property \$100,000			
With Basic STAR	\$1,573	\$1,616	\$43
With Enhanced STAR	\$1,101	\$ 923	-\$178

NOTE 1: Estimated tax increases are based on 2012 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 2013.

NOTE 2: Percentage increase in the Tax Levy over Prior Year is 2.80%

NOTE 3: Enhanced Senior Star exemption value increased to \$63,300 for the 2013-14 school year.



2013-2014 Proposed Budget

	Budget Components			2013-2014	2012-2013	Inc (Dec) \$
	Administrative	Capital	Program	Total	Total	
General Support						
Board of Education	27,180			27,180	27,800	(620)
Central Administration	208,056			208,056	205,071	2,985
Finance	333,572			333,572	314,510	19,062
Legal/Personnel/Public Info	598,636			598,636	277,767	320,869
Operations & Maintenance		2,377,157		2,377,157	2,341,837	35,320
Central Storeroom and Printing	56,204			56,204	55,070	1,134
Insurance/Refunds/Dues/Unclassified	156,904	6,000		162,904	162,904	-
BOCES Central Data/Admin/Capital	1,132,484			1,132,484	1,171,532	(39,048)
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	2,513,036	2,383,157	-	4,896,193	4,556,492	339,701
Instructional Support						
Curriculum/Supervision/Inservice	1,301,372			1,301,372	1,253,968	47,404
Instruction - Regular School			10,634,943	10,634,943	10,677,722	(42,779)
Instruction - Special Needs, Summer, Occ Ed			6,597,432	6,597,432	6,477,568	119,864
Instruction - Media/Technology			938,689	938,689	844,762	93,927
Guidance/Health/Psychological			1,013,767	1,013,767	933,586	80,181
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities			356,441	356,441	327,999	28,442
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	1,301,372	-	19,541,272	20,842,644	20,515,605	327,039
Student Transportation						
District Transportation			71,195	71,195	58,298	12,897
Contract Transportation			768,755	768,755	823,145	(54,390)
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	-	-	839,950	839,950	881,443	(41,493)
Employee Benefits						
TRS & NYS ERS/Retirement	308,245	234,072	2,387,647	2,929,964	2,156,261	773,704
Social Security	130,406	84,017	1,073,600	1,288,022	1,235,345	52,677
Worker's Compensation	17,720	11,416	143,248	172,384	156,713	15,671
Unemployment Insurance	12,849	8,278	103,873	125,000	125,000	(0)
Health Benefits/Other	308,018	183,307	2,346,691	2,838,015	3,202,512	(364,497)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	777,237	521,090	6,055,059	7,353,386	6,875,831	477,555
Debt Service						
Serial Bonds - Building		3,357,488		3,357,488	3,417,518	(60,030)
Serial Bonds - Bus		26,218		26,218	-	26,218
Revenue Anticipation Note - Capital Project		50,000		50,000	50,000	-
Electrical Performance Contract		81,145		81,145	81,144	1
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	-	3,514,851	-	3,514,851	3,548,662	(33,811)
Interfund Transfers						
Transfer to Special Aid		65,000		65,000	65,000	-
Transfer to Cafeteria		30,000		30,000	30,000	-
Transfer to Capital Project		70,000		70,000	-	70,000
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-	165,000	-	165,000	95,000	70,000
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	4,591,645	6,584,098	26,436,281	37,612,024	36,473,033	1,138,991

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.

2010-2011 School Year		General Education	Special Education
This School District	Instructional Expenditures	\$19,681,034	\$8,824,555
	Pupils	2,190	378
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,987	\$23,345
Similar District Group	Instructional Expenditures	\$2,288,227,660	\$957,782,107
	Pupils	207,114	32,816
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,048	\$29,186
Total of All School Districts in NY State	Instructional Expenditures	\$29,473,160,406	\$12,260,104,540
	Pupils	2,688,528	412,226
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,963	\$29,741
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 2010-11 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.

2010-2011 School Year	This School District	Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$15,919	\$19,934	\$20,410

Total Expenditures Per Pupil is the simple arithmetic ratio of Total Expenditures to Pupils. Total Expenditures include district expenditures for classroom instruction, as well as expenditures for transportation, debt service, community service and district-wide administration that are not included in the Instructional Expenditure values for General Education and Special Education. As such, the sum of General Education and Special Education Instructional Expenditures does not equal the Total Expenditures.

The numbers used to compute the statistics on this page were collected on the State Aid Form A, the State Aid Form F, the School District Annual Financial Report (ST-3), and from the Student Information Repository System (SIRS).



OHS' Barua Named National Merit Scholar

Soumitri Barau, a senior at Olean High School, is congratulated by Principal Barbara Lias (right) and Guidance Counselor Rene O'Connell (left) for becoming a National Merit Scholar. Only one percent of students nationwide receive this honor for scores they achieved on the PSAT and SAT exams.

Soumitri is a model student citizen who is also an active member of the Student Activities Council, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, and is enrolled in the New Visions Health Professions program. Soumitri will graduate in June with an advanced Regents diploma with honors and plans to pursue a career in the field of medicine. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Subir Barua of Olean.



OIMS Students Compete in Speech Contest



Seventh graders Tioga Simpson and Jesse Both did what most people fear the most. They participated in a public speaking contest sponsored by Olean's Dresser Rand NLA.

Students were given the opportunity to select an industry which has made an impact on our local economy, research the company, conduct interviews, and compile a speech for judges. Tioga selected Northern Candles of Wellsville, NY, and Jesse researched Holiday Valley.

Throughout the competition, the OIMS students maintained their composure and spoke well during their individual speeches. At the end of the event, Jesse received Honorable Mention and a \$25 prize, and Tioga received first place and a \$200 award!

The students learned a great lesson by participating in the contest: "Hard work does pay-off!" Congratulations from every at OIMS on a job well done, Tioga and Jesse!

Elementary School News



EAST VIEW ELEMENTARY: East View's PTO sponsors a monthly visit from Mr. Michael Morton, "The Animal Guy." Each month he spends a day presenting a variety of live animals to the students and teaching them about the animals' habitats, characteristics, etc. Mr. Morton owns a farm in the region and all the animals he brings are his family's pets. He has brought tarantulas, lizards, common farm animals like rabbits, goats and chickens, and more exotic creatures such as chinchillas, capybaras, and even a reindeer. Students are invited to hold or pet some of the animals each month. In June, Mr. Morton will set up a small petting zoo for the students to enjoy. Shown above are kindergarteners at East View enjoy petting a rabbit.



WASHINGTON WEST ELEMENTARY: Mrs. Faulkner's third grade class has been integrating literacy with science. After reading many different genres of books on the Titanic and buoyancy, viewing videos, and searching the internet they made projects about the Titanic. The students also conducted science experiments with partners making boats out of clay to see if they would float predicting, observing, graphing, and then writing a report.



A Day of Beauty at Olean CTE Center

On March 8, 2013, Cheri Frame, BOCES school counselor, took some students in Lori Mason-Varner, Thad Zyck, Debbie Slawiak, and Chuck Lee's classes to the BOCES CTE Center in Olean for "A day of beauty." The girls received services from students in the cosmetology program under the supervision of licensed cosmetologist, Kim Waters. The students received services such as: haircut and style, manicures, pedicures, eye brow waxing and make-up. The students also enjoyed a scrumptious lunch prepared by the culinary arts students under the direction of Bill Baker. The students had a fabulous day!



Connect 4 Talent Show A Smashing Success!

Thank you to all the students from Allegany-Limestone Central School, Hinsdale Central School, Portville Central School, and Olean High School who participated in the Connect 4 Talent Show that was held on April 20, 2013.



Recognized for Being Good Sports

Selected for the OHS All-Sportsmanship Team for the Winter 2012-13 season were: (front, l-r) AD's Choice – Girls' Basketball – Bri Spears; Varsity Boys' Swimming & Diving – Kevin Volz; Varsity Boys' Basketball – Nick Schmidt; JV Boys' Basketball – John Zamites; and (back, l-r) Varsity Girls' Basketball – Emily Ziegler; JV Girls' Basketball – Clare Sorokes; Varsity Cheerleading – Emily Button; and Varsity Wrestling – Shane Pancio.

Congratulations and thanks for being a good sport!



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Caring and Sharing at Eden Heights

Students in Ms. Matejka's class at the Olean Intermediate Middle School volunteered to go to Eden Heights to share their class-written newspaper about being virtuous. Students had such an enjoyable experience conversing with the residents, some students opted to return for a second visit. They interviewed and learned about their new friend's life so they could write and submit an article for the Legacy Project – Listen to a Life contest. This project connects an adult over 50 with a child for the purpose of connecting and learning from one another.

Pictured above are Matthew Brenneman and Hannah Pfeffer interviewing Eva Yorke, age 95. When the students asked Eva's advice on life, she told them to always work hard, and she related it to her youth growing up on a farm and having to help early in the morning and going to school.

Olean City School District Mission/Vision

The Olean City School District is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute, and innovate.

Guiding Principles

A commitment to fostering:

A respectful, safe, and welcoming environment

An acceptance of diversity

Continuous improvement

Academic excellence and lifelong learning

Honesty, integrity, responsibility, and accountability

Student potential and achievement