NORTH TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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THE PROPOSED 2015 - 2016 SCHOOL BUDGET

BUDGET HEARING Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Administration Building - **Board Room**176 Walck Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

ANNUAL ELECTION and BUDGET VOTE Tuesday, May 19, 2015 12:00 Noon - 9:00 P.M.

> Alumni Student Activity Center 405 Meadow Drive North Tonawanda, NY 14120

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2015-16 GENERAL FUND SUMMARY of EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET 2014-15	TENTATIVE BUDGET 2015-16	14-15 BUDGET COMPARED TO TENTATIVE 15-16 BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION	\$6,324,859	\$6,565,304	\$240,445
CAPITAL	\$11,316,422	\$11,271,012	(\$45,410)
PROGRAM	\$50,782,687	\$52,712,648	\$1,929,961

TOTALS \$68,423,968 \$70,548,964 \$2,124,996

The New York State Uniform System of Accounts prescribes that a school district general fund budget be divided into categories. The total of those three categories is the Budget presented by the Board of Education to the voters for approval.

EXPENDITURES - ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$6,324,859	\$6,565,304	\$240,445
Benefits: Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for Administrative Staff.	\$1,679,579	\$1,725,945	\$46,366
Professional Development Staff; Related Office Supplies; BOCES and Contractual Expenses; Attendance; Pupil Personnel Services and Learning Technology.			
nstructional <u>Administration</u> : Administrative Salaries for Districtwide Administration; Curriculum Development, including Related Support Staff and Records Management;	\$1,912,167	\$1,987,163	\$74,996
Special Items: District Insurance; certain BOCES Administration; School Assoc. dues; Judgments/Claims and Property tax refunds.	\$811,194	\$838,643	\$27,449
<u>al Services</u> : BOCES Print Shop and Data Processing Services; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Expenses for Printing.	\$820,090	\$820,090	\$0
Personnel Administration: Salaries for Personnel Administrator; Personnel Office Staff; Public Information Officer; Legal Services; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Expenses for Personnel Office and Records Management.	\$415,867	\$500,801	\$84,934
Finance Administration: Salaries for Assistant Superintendent or Administrative Services and Central Business Office staff. Fax, Audit Expenses, Business Office Supplies, and District Equipment is also included here.	\$417,640	\$413,140	(\$4,500)
Chief School Administrator: Salaries for Superintendent and Secretary; Supplies; Travel and Conference Expenses; Consultant Services and Equipment.	\$208,170	\$208,689	\$519
Board of Education: Salary for District Clerk, Clerk and Board Supplies; Board Election and Budget Vote Costs; Memberships or various Associations.	\$60,152	\$70,833	\$10,681
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES Detailed Breakdown attached	BUDGET 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	COMPARED TO TENTATIVE 15-16 BUDGET
		TENTATIVE	14-15 BUDGET

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

	Budget	Proposed Budget
Component Detail	14-15	15-16
Board of Education	44,508	55,256
District Clerk	5,902	5,835
District Meeting	9,742	9,742
Board of Education Total	60,152	70,833
Office of the Superintendent	208,170	208,689
Chief School Administrator Total	208,170	208,689
During a Administration	407.857	
Business Administration	187,557	183,109
Auditing Services	161,574	161,501
District Treasurer	5,630	5,583
Tax Collection	5,814	5,814
Purchasing	51,965	52,033
Fiscal Agent Fees	5,100	5,100
Finance Administration Total	417,640	413,140
Personnel	183,653	267,640
Legal Services	182,000	
Public Information & Services	50,214	182,000 51,161
Personnel Administration Total	415,867	500,801
reisonner Administration Total	410,007	300,001
Central Printing & Mailing	29,450	29,450
Data Processing	790,640	790,640
Central Services Total	820,090	820,090
		
Unaliocated insurance	372,983	372,983
School Association Dues	10,200	10,200
BOCES Administrative Costs	356,611	384,060
Judgments / Claims	30,600	30,600
Refund Real Property Tax	40,800	40,800
Special Items Total	811,194	838,643
Curriculum Development & Supervision	245,502	
Supervision - Regular School	1,263,253	
Attendance Services	211,600	
Program for Students with Disabilities	191,812	
Instructional Administration Total	1,912,167	1,987,163
Panafita	4 070 574	4 705 045
Benefits Employee Benefite Total	1,679,579	
Employee Benefits Total	1,679,579	1,725,945
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	6,324,859	6,565,304

EXPENDITURES - CAPITAL BUDGET

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES Detailed Breakdown attached	BUDGET 2014-15	TENTATIVE BUDGET 2015-16	14-15 BUDGET COMPARED TO TENTATIVE 15-16 BUDGET
Buildings & Grounds: Salarles for Custodians and Maintenance Staff; Supplies; Environmental Testing; Equipment and Contractual Costs for Buildings & Grounds.	\$5,317,980	\$5,329,371	\$11,391
Principal and Interest: Annual Bond Redemption; Interest Costs and Interfund Transfers to Other Funds authorized by voters or Comptroller's Regulations.	\$4,564,987	\$4,481,587	(\$83,400)
Benefits: Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for Custodial, Maintenance and Central Storeroom Staffs.	\$1,433,455	\$1,460,054	\$26,599
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$11,316,422	\$11,271,012	(\$45,410)

CAPITAL BUDGET

	Budget	Proposed Budget
Component Detail	14-15	15-16
Custodial / Cleaning	3,983,332	3,964,147
Maintenance / Grounds	1,334,648	1,365,224
Buildings & Grounds Total	5,317,980	5,329,371
Principal		
Serial Bonds-School Construction/Other	1,290,599	1,733,481
Interest		
Serial Bonds-School Construction/Other	121,338	601,818
Principal		1
School Construction BANS	2,750,000	1,855,000
Interest		
School Construction BANS	353,050	_241,288
Interfund Transfers-Capital	50,000	50,000
Principal and Interest Payments Total	4,564,987	4,481,587
Benefits	1,433,455	1,460,054
Employee Benefits Total	1,433,455	1,460,054
CAPITAL TOTAL	11,316,422	11,271,012

EXPENDITURES - PROGRAM BUDGET

() TOTAL BUDGET	\$68,423,968	\$70,548,964	\$2,124,996
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$50,782,687	\$52,712,648	\$1,929,961
<u>Transfers:</u> Interfund Transfers to Special Aid Fund, Including District's Share of Summer School Programs for Students with Special Needs.	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$0
Benefits: Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for all Instructional Employees and Bus Drivers.	\$12,997,650	\$13,747,170	\$749,520
Transportation: Salaries for Bus Drivers, Monitors and other Bus Garage Personnel; Contract Transportation and Public Carriers; Transportation Supplies; Other Miscellaneous Equipment and Contractual Expenses.	\$2,713,912	\$2,394,895	(\$319,017)
Services: Salaries for School Counselors and their Clerical Staff; Health Office Staff; School Psychologists; Social and Family Workers; Attendance Office and Related Support Staff; Youth Programs; Community School; Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Athletics; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Costs (e.g. School Resource Officers).	\$2,562,527	\$2,742,803	\$180,276
nstructional Media: Salaries for School Librarians and Assistants; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Costs for Libraries, including Instructional Television and Computer Assisted Instruction; State Computer Software and Hardware, both locally funded and State Aided; and BOCES.	\$1,016,822	\$1,054,896	\$38,074
Occupational Education: Salaries; Supplies; Textbooks; quipment and Contractual Costs for Occupational Education and Summer School Instruction.	\$1,464,735	\$1,555,021	\$90,286
Special Education: Salaries for Teachers, Assistants and Aides for Pupils with Special Educational needs; Supplies; Equipment; BOCES; Contractual expenses for those programs.	\$11,017,858	\$11,930,810	\$912,952
Teaching <u>Regular School</u> : Salaries for all regular Classroom Teachers, Assistants, Aides, Substitutes and Textbooks; Supplies; Equipment; In-service Training; Contractual Expenses; Legal Services; BOCES; Drug Testing and Fingerprinting.	\$18,884,183	\$19,162,053	\$277,870
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES Detailed Breakdown attached	BUDGET 2014-15	TENTATIVE BUDGET 2015-16	14-15 BUDGET COMPARED TO TENTATIVE 15-16 BUDGET

PROGRAM BUDGET

	Budget	Proposed Budget
Component Detail	14-15	15-16
In Service Training	282,610	236,408
Teaching	18,601,573	18,925,645
Teaching-Regular School Total	18,884,183	19,162,053
Program for Students with Disabilities	11,017,858	11,930,810
Special Education Total	11,017,858	11,930,810
Occupational Education	1,403,920	1,494,206
Special Schools	60,815	60,815
Occupational Education	1,464,735	1,555,021
School Library & Audio Visual	258,235	288,803
Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI)	758,587	766,093
Instructional Media Total	1,016,822	<u>1,</u> 054,896
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Guidance Services	763,543	787,353
Health Services	459,205	473,385
Psychological Services	191,777	281,215
Social Work Services	472,570	518,226
Co-Curricular Activities	131,999	130,880
Interscholastic Sports	543,433	551,744
Pupil Services Total	2,562,527	2,742,803
District Transportation	955,585	980,885
Bus Garage	89,465	86,072
Contract Transportation	1,668,862	1,327,938
Transportation Total	2,713,912	2,394,895
Benefits	12,997,650	
Employee Benefits Total	12,997,650	13,747,170
Interfund Transfers-Special Aid	125,000	125,000
Transfers Total	125,000	125,000
PROGRAM TOTAL	50,782,687	52,712,648
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TOTAL BUDGET	68,423,968	70,548,964

SUMMARY of REVENUES

	REVENUES 2014-15	ESTIMATED REVENUES 2015-16	14-15 REVENUES COMPARED TO ESTIMATED 15-16 REVENUES
STATE / FEDERAL AID: Represents the largest portion of revenue for the District. In the 2015-16 school year, it is projected to be 51.04% of all revenue. Last year, it was 49.79% This year, the aid increased by \$1,945,157.	\$34,065,695	\$36,010,852	\$1 ,945,157
OTHER INCOME: Any income received by the School District other than State and Federal Aid, Fund Balance or Tax Levy is included under this heading. Examples of other income would be; rentals, interest earnings, payments in lieu of taxes, refunds of prior year's expenses, gifts, fees, tax penalties, commissions and athletic event gate receipts.		\$2,442,675	\$179,839
RESERVES / FUND BALANCE Reserves: The District maintains Reserve Funds in accordance with guidelines established by the State of New York and adopted and accepted by the Board of Education. With the significant financial issues currently affecting districts across the state, the Board of Education has lopted a fiscally responsible process to use those reserve funds that are available. They have adopted a process which attempts to maintain quality programs while keeping the tax levy reasonable and within the Tax Cap threshold.		\$4,757,385	\$0
Fund Balance: Funds which are budgeted but unexpended at the end of the budget year, and revenues which are realized in excess of those budgeted for the year, are available at the end of the fiscal year to be carried forward as fund balance.			
TAX LEVY: This is the amount to be raised through local property taxes. The Board of Education desires to keep any increases in the levy as low as possible. For the 2015-16 school year, it is anticipated that there will be no increase in the tax levy set by the Board of Education		\$27,338,052	\$0

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES

\$68,423,968 \$70,548,964 \$2,124,996

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NON-BINDING ADVISORY PROPOSITION ON ALTERNATIVE VETERAN'S EXEMPTION UNDER RPTL \S 458 - A

Shall the following advisory resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED: that the voters of the North Tonawanda City School District ("District") hereby support the adoption of the Alternative Veteran's Exemption by the District pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458 - A, and subject to the further terms and requirements set forth therein, with the following maximum allowable exemption limits, as may be further adjusted pursuant to Section 458 - A: (a) Wartime - \$6,000, (b) Combat Zone - \$4,000, and (c) Disability - \$20,000.

limits, as may be further adjusted pursuant to \$4,000, and (c) Disability - \$20,000.	,	1	
YES		NO	

REQUIRED COMPENSATION INFORMATION CHAPTER 474, LAWS OF 1996

Compensation

Compensation is reported in 3 parts: salary, benefits and other compensation. The salary, benefits and other compensation for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services and are as follows:

Superintendent of Schools:

\$153,132

Annual Salary – This annual salary is consistent with amounts expected to be reported as wages in accordance with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. (includes ten days of paid vacation if not used)

\$ 58,040

Annualized Cost of Benefits:

All district employees – The Superintendent enjoys the same ancillary benefits provided to all employees. Many of these benefits, such as employer contributions to Social Security and Medicare are required by law. Other benefits include health insurance, retirement contribution, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation insurance and professional memberships.

\$ 21,438	Mandatory TRS Contribution @ 14.00% of salary
\$ 20,628	Family Health/Dental
\$ 15,974	Required Social Security and Medicare Contribution, Worker's Compensation,

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services

\$81,000

Annual Salary – This annual salary is consistent with amounts expected to be reported as wages in accordance with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

\$ 33,941

Annualized Cost of Benefits:

All district employees – The Assistant Superintendent for Administration enjoys the same ancillary benefits provided to all employees. Many of these benefits, such as employer contributions to Social Security and Medicare are required by law.

Other benefits include health insurance, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation insurance and professional memberships

\$ 25,244 Family Health

\$ 8,697 Required Social Security and Medicare Contribution, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Memberships

Executive Director – Educational Services

\$121,666

Annual Salary – This annual salary is consistent with amounts expected to be reported as wages in accordance with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. (includes ten days of paid vacation if not used)

\$ 37,842

Annualized Cost of Benefits:

All district employees – The Executive Director of Educational Services enjoys the same ancillary benefits provided to all employees. Many of these benefits, such as employer contributions to Social Security and Medicare are required by law. Other benefits include health insurance, retirement contribution, life insurance, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation insurance and professional memberships.

\$ 17,033	Mandatory TRS Contribution @ 14.00% of salary
\$ 9,291	Single Health/Dental and Life Insurance
\$ 11,518	Required Social Security and Medicare Contribution, Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance

In addition, Chapter 474, the Laws of 1996 requires disclosure of salaries of other supervisory and administrative personnel scheduled to receive \$130,000 or more in salary during the 2015-16 fiscal year.

There are no positions in the District that meet this disclosure requirement.

Form Preparer Name:

Note: Some data elements of the Property Tax Report Card have been revised or renamed to more closely follow the Property Tax Cap calculations districts complete on the Office of the State Comptroller website. Please see the Help text above for definitions. Additional guidance on the Property Tax Levy Limit is available on the Office of Educational Management Services website: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/propertylax/haxcap/.

Please also submit an electronic version (PDF or Word) of your school district's 2015-16 Budget Notice to: emscmgts@nysed.gov. This will enable us to help correct any formula or data entry discrepancy quickly.

Form Due - April 27, 2015

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Preparer's Telephone Number:	(716) 807-3504		
Shaded Fields Will Calculate	Budgeted 2014-15 (A)	Proposed Budget 2015-16 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	68,423,968 27,338,052 0 0	70,548,964 27,338,052 0 0	3.11 %
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D) F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissable Exclusions ³ H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve	27,338,052 0 27,356,720 27,338,052	27,338,052 0 27,856,524 27,338,052	0.00 %
(E-B-F+D) I. Difference: (G-H);(negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ² Public School Enrollment Consumer Price Index	18,668 3,581	518,472 3,602	0.59 % 1.62 %

³ For 2015-16, includes any carryover from 2014-15 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2014-15 (D)	Estimated 2015-16 (E)
usted Restricted Fund Balance	9,203,106	9,209,136
ed Appropriated Fund Balance	4,757,385	4,757,385
ted Unrestricted Fund Batance	2,106,651	2,529,905
ted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a ent of the Total Budget	3.08	3.59 %

¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

 $^{^2}$ Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

NYS - Real Property System County of Niagara City of North Tonawanda - 2912

Assessor's Report - 2014 - Prior Year File S495 Exemption Impact Report Town Summary

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Total Assessed Value 1,426,083,072

Uniform Percentage 92.00

Equalized Total Assessed Value 1,550,090,296

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted
12100	NYS - GENERALLY	RPTL 404(1)	20	2,044,348	0.13
12350	PUBLIC AUTHORITY - STATE	RPTL 412	7	130,435	0.01
13100	CO - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	12	180,435	0.01
13350	CITY - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	103	46,034,178	2.97
13500	TOWN - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	2	2,826	0.00
13800	SCHOOL DISTRICT	RPTL 408	15	40,270,870	2.60
14100	USA - GENERALLY	RPTL 400(1)	2	483,696	0.03
18020	. MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEV AGENC	RPTL 412-a	13	7,600,109	0.49
21600	RES OF CLERGY - RELIG CORP OWN	RPTL 462	7	823,152	0.05
25110	NONPROF CORP - RELIG(CONST PRO	RPTL 420-a	48	25,129,674	1.62
25130	NONPROF CORP - CHAR (CONST PR	RPTL 420-a	4	1,405,326	0.09
25210	NONPROF CORP - HOSPITAL	RPTL 420-a	4	24,461,957	1.58
25230	NONPROF CORP - MORAL/MENTAL IN	RPTL 420-a	11	2,612,283	0.17
25300	NONPROF CORP - SPECIFIED USES	RPTL 420-b	25	3,554,565	0.23
26100	VETERANS ORGANIZATION	RPTL 452	2	1,028,261	0.07
26250	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	RPTL 444	5	263,804	0.02
26400	INC VOLUNTEER FIRE CO OR DEPT	RPTL 464(2)	8	1,665,870	0.11
28110	NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUSING COMPAN	RPTL 422	1	3,622,826	0.23
33401	TAX SALE - CITY OWNED	RPTL 406(5)	2	62,609	0.00
38260	MUN HSNG AUTH -NYS AIDED	PUB HSNG L 52(4)&(5)	1	7,233,696	0.47
41101	VETS EX BASED ON ELIGIBLE FUND	RPTL 458(1)	32	46,359	0.00
41111	VET PRO RATA: FULL VALUE ASSMT	RPTL 458(5)	190	9,485,264	0.61
41123	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-NON-COM	RPTL 458-a	931	14,414,790	0.93
41133	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-COMBAT	RPTL 458-a	846	21,787,579	1.41
41143	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-DISABILI	RPTL 458-a	219	6,248,055	0.40
41153	COLD WAR VETERANS (10%)	RPTL 458-b	144	605,138	0.04
41173	COLD WAR VETERANS (DISABLED)	RPTL 458-b	9	132,273	0.01

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Total Assessed Value 1,426,083,072
Uniform Percentage 92.00

Equalized Total Assessed Value 1,550,090,296

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value
41300	PARAPLEGIC VETS	RPTL 458(3)	6	1,233,587	0.08
41400	CLERGY	RPTL 460	17	27,717	0.00
41800	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	90	3,527,633	0.23
41801	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	2	100,489	0.01
41803	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	3	77,240	0.00
41806	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	199	4,849,557	0.31
41900	PHYSICALLY DISABLED	RPTL 459	12	205,783	0.01
41931	DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOM	RPTL 459-c	24	906,895	0.06
1 1933	DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOM	RPTL 459-c	36	903,825	0.06
14113	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS - NEW CC	RPTL 457	13	383,663	0.02
14213	HOME IMPROVEMENTS	RPTL 421-f	218	1,769,141	0.11
7610	BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROPERTY	RPTL 485-b	53	2,941,532	0.19
8670	REDEVELOPMENT HOUSING CO	P H FI L 125 & 127	1	859,783	0.06
49530	INDUSTRIAL WASTE TREATMENT FAI	RPTL 477	1	414,130	0.03
Total Exempt System Exen	tions Exclusive of nptions:		3,338	239,531,350	15.45
Total System	Exemptions:		0	o	0.00
Totals:			3,338	239,531,350	15,45



LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXEMPTION IMPACT REPORT

(for local use only -- not to be filed with NYS Department of Taxation & Finance - Office of Real Property Tax Services)

Date: April 29, 2015
Taxing Jurisdiction: North Tonawanda City School District
Fiscal Year Begining: 2014
Total equalized value in taxing jurisdiction: \$ 1,550,090,296

Exemption Code (Column A)	Exemption Description (Column B)	Statutory Authority (Column C)	Number of Exemptions (Column D)	Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) (Column E)
18020	Municipal IDA	RPTL 412a	13	77,758.48
28110	Not for Profit Sen	RPTL 422	1	46,717.14
	Housing	-		
38260	RDV Housing Low	PUB HSNG	7	16 (00 75
36200	Income	L52	1	16,428.75
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48670	RDV Housing Visually	PHTIL 125	1	1,081.67
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		Totals	16	141,986.04

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES in BALLOT POSITION for 2015 – 2016

Ken Craig 244 Rumbold Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dorothy Kuebler 897 Thomas Fox Drive West North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Colleen Angelhow 775 Castlebar Drive North Tonawanda, NY 14120

John Zloty 1146 East Robinson North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Cheryl McMahon 57 Christiana Street North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Michele Golding 23 Rose Circle North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Fiscal Accountability Summary

Commissioner's 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.

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). These data are from the 2012-13 school year.

This School District	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$31,699,019	\$15,133,497
Pupils	3,662	679
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,656	\$22,288
Similar District Group (Average Needs)	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$7,959,898,164	\$3,121,828,901
Pupils	775,402	106,702
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,266	\$29,257
All School Districts	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$30,025,916,685	\$12,279,242,539
Pupils	2,666,629	410,379
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,260	\$29,922

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. Pupils resident in the district but attending a charter school are included. 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 2012-13 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.

Total Expenditures Per Pupil

This School District	Similar District Group	NY State
\$16,434	\$19,721	\$21,118

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.

Information about Students with Disabilities (2013 - 14)

Commissioner's Regulations require reporting students with disabilities by the percent of time they are in general education classrooms and the classification rate of students with disabilities. These data are to be compared with percentages for similar districts and all public schools. The required percentages for this district are reported below.

Student Placement (Percent of Time Inside	This School District		Similar District Group (Average Needs)	NY State
Regular Classroom)	Number of Students	Percent of Students	Percent of Students	Percent of Students
80% or more	243	34.5%	56.9%	58.4%
40% - 79%	242	34.4%	19.2%	11.8%
Less than 40%	162	23.0%	17.1%	21.5%
Separate Settings	41	5.8%	4.3%	5.7%
Other Settings	16	2.3%	2.5%	2.5%

The source data for the statistics in this table were reported through the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) and verified in Verification Report 5. The counts are numbers of students reported in the least restrictive environment categories for school-age programs (ages 6-21) on BEDS Day, which is the first Wednesday of the reporting year. The percentages represent the amount of time students with disabilities are in general-education classrooms, regardless of the amount and cost of special-education services they receive. Rounding of percentage values may cause them to sum to a number slightly different from 100%.

School-age Students with Disabilities Classification Rate

This School District	Similar District Group	NY State
18.7%	12.4%	13.2%

This rate is a ratio of the count of school-age students with disabilities (ages 4-21) to the total enrollment of all school-age students in the school district, including students who are parentally placed in nonpublic schools located in the school district. The numerator includes all school-age students for whom a district has Committee on Special Education (CSE) responsibility to ensure the provision of special-education services. The denominator includes all school-age students who reside in the district. In the case of parentally placed students in nonpublic schools, it includes the number of students who attend the nonpublic schools located in the school district. Source data are drawn from the SIRS and from the Basic Education Data System (BEDS).

Similar District Groups are identified according to the Need-to-Resource-Capacity Index. More information is available on our <u>NRC capacity categories</u> page.