

# **NORTH TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **THE PROPOSED 2013 - 2014 SCHOOL BUDGET**

### **BUDGET HEARING**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **ANNUAL ELECTION and BUDGET VOTE**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2013**

**12:00 Noon - 9:00 P.M.**

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

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**2013-14 GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY of EXPENDITURES**

	<b>BUDGET 2012-13</b>	<b>TENTATIVE BUDGET 2013-14</b>	<b>12-13 BUDGET COMPARED TO TENTATIVE 13-14 BUDGET</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$5,956,599</b>	<b>\$6,056,672</b>	<b>\$100,073</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$10,966,881</b>	<b>\$11,051,916</b>	<b>\$85,035</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$47,829,415</b>	<b>\$48,632,168</b>	<b>\$802,753</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$64,752,895</b>	<b>\$65,740,756</b>	<b>\$987,861</b>

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

## EXPENDITURES - ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES Detailed Breakdown attached	BUDGET 2012-13	TENTATIVE BUDGET 2013-14	12-13 BUDG COMPARED TO TENTATIVE 13-14 BUDGET
<u>Board of Education</u> : Salary for District Clerk, Clerk and Board Supplies; Board Election and Budget Vote Costs; Memberships in County and State School Board Associations.	\$20,149	\$23,262	\$3,113
<u>Chief School Administrator</u> : Salaries for Superintendent and Secretary; Supplies; Travel and Conference Expenses; Consultant Services and Equipment.	\$207,731	\$202,431	(\$5,300)
<u>Finance Administration</u> : Salaries for Assistant Superintendent for Management Services; BOCES; Central Business Office and Tax Audit Expenses; Business Office Supplies and District Equipment.	\$450,978	\$440,940	(\$10,038)
<u>Personnel Administration</u> : Salaries for Personnel Administrator; Personnel Office Staff; Public Information Officer; Legal Services; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Expenses for Personnel Office and Records Management.	\$406,059	\$414,119	\$8,060
<u>Central Services</u> : BOCES Print Shop and Data Processing Services; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Expenses and Contractual Expenses for Printing.	\$806,137	\$822,090	\$15,953
<u>Special Items</u> : District Insurance; certain BOCES Administration; School Assoc. dues; Judgments/Claims and Property tax refunds.	\$787,771	\$803,526	\$15,755
<u>Instructional Administration</u> : Administrative Salaries for Districtwide Administration; Curriculum Development, including Related Support Staff and Records Management; Professional Development Staff; Related Office Supplies; BOCES and Contractual Expenses; Attendance; Pupil Personnel Services and Learning Technology.	\$1,876,204	\$1,911,183	\$34,979
<u>Benefits</u> : Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for Administrative Staff.	\$1,401,570	\$1,439,121	\$37,551
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$5,956,599</b>	<b>\$6,056,672</b>	<b>\$100,073</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Component Detail	Budget 12-13	Proposed Budget 13-14
Board of Education	7,450	7,568
District Clerk	5,900	5,902
District Meeting	6,799	9,792
<b>Board of Education Total</b>	<b>20,149</b>	<b>23,262</b>

Office of the Superintendent	207,731	202,431
<b>Chief School Administrator Total</b>	<b>207,731</b>	<b>202,431</b>

Business Administration	212,816	200,971
Auditing Services	172,427	173,760
District Treasurer	5,644	5,624
Tax Collection	5,700	5,814
Purchasing	49,391	49,671
Fiscal Agent Fees	5,000	5,100
<b>Finance Administration Total</b>	<b>450,978</b>	<b>440,940</b>

Personnel	180,161	183,703
Legal Services	176,669	180,202
Public Information & Services	49,229	50,214
<b>Personnel Administration Total</b>	<b>406,059</b>	<b>414,119</b>

Central Printing & Mailing	31,000	31,450
Data Processing	775,137	790,640
<b>Central Services Total</b>	<b>806,137</b>	<b>822,090</b>

Unallocated Insurance	360,000	367,200
School Association Dues	10,000	10,200
BOCES Administrative Costs	347,771	354,726
Judgments / Claims	30,000	30,600
Refund Real Property Tax	40,000	40,800
<b>Special Items Total</b>	<b>787,771</b>	<b>803,526</b>

Curriculum Development & Supervision	243,650	244,077
Supervision - Regular School	1,242,435	1,273,525
Attendance Services	207,767	210,317
Program for Students with Disabilities	182,352	183,264
<b>Instructional Administration Total</b>	<b>1,876,204</b>	<b>1,911,183</b>

Benefits	1,401,570	1,439,121
<b>Employee Benefits Total</b>	<b>1,401,570</b>	<b>1,439,121</b>

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL</b>	<b>5,956,599</b>	<b>6,056,672</b>
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## EXPENDITURES - CAPITAL BUDGET

<b>SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES</b> Detailed Breakdown attached	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>2012-13</b>	<b>TENTATIVE</b> <b>BUDGET</b> <b>2013-14</b>	<b>12-13 BUDGET</b> <b>COMPARED TO</b> <b>TENTATIVE</b> <b>13-14 BUDGET</b>
<u>Buildings &amp; Grounds:</u> Salaries for Custodians and Maintenance Staff; Supplies; Environmental Testing; Equipment and Contractual Costs for Buildings & Grounds.	\$5,270,831	\$5,354,133	\$83,302
<u>Principal and Interest:</u> Annual Bond Redemption; Interest Costs and Interfund Transfers to Other Funds authorized by voters or Comptroller's Regulations.	\$4,468,113	\$4,379,448	(\$88,665)
<u>Benefits:</u> Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for Custodial, Maintenance and Central Storeroom Staffs.	\$1,227,937	\$1,318,335	\$90,398
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$10,966,881</b>	<b>\$11,051,916</b>	<b>\$85,035</b>

## CAPITAL BUDGET

Component Detail	Budget 12-13	Proposed Budget 13-14
Custodial / Cleaning	3,945,301	4,022,032
Maintenance / Grounds	1,325,530	1,332,101
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Total</b>	<b>5,270,831</b>	<b>5,354,133</b>

Principal Serial Bonds-School Construction/Other	1,396,809	1,443,045
Interest Serial Bonds-School Construction/Other	325,763	172,841
Principal School Construction BANS	2,150,477	2,260,000
Interest School Construction BANS	495,064	403,562
Interfund Transfers-Capital	100,000	100,000
<b>Principal and Interest Payments Total</b>	<b>4,468,113</b>	<b>4,379,448</b>

Benefits	1,227,937	1,318,335
<b>Employee Benefits Total</b>	<b>1,227,937</b>	<b>1,318,335</b>

<b>CAPITAL TOTAL</b>	<b>10,966,881</b>	<b>11,051,916</b>
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# EXPENDITURES - PROGRAM BUDGET

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES Detailed Breakdown attached	BUDGET 2012-13	TENTATIVE BUDGET 2013-14	12-13 BUDGET COMPARED TENTATIVE 13-14 BUDGET
<u>Teaching</u> : <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.	\$18,234,885	\$18,514,126	\$279,241
<u>Special Education</u> : Salaries for Teachers, Assistants and Aides for Pupils with Special Educational needs; Supplies; Equipment; BOCES; Contractual expenses for those programs.	\$10,455,312	\$10,117,544	(\$337,768)
<u>Occupational Education</u> : Salaries; Supplies; Textbooks; Equipment and Contractual Costs for Occupational Education and Summer School Instruction.	\$1,411,633	\$1,592,865	\$181,232
<u>Instructional Media</u> : 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.	\$1,051,247	\$997,781	(\$53,466)
<u>Pupil Services</u> : 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).	\$2,687,969	\$2,643,636	(\$44,333)
<u>Transportation</u> : Salaries for Bus Drivers, Monitors and other Bus Garage Personnel; Contract Transportation and Public Carriers; Transportation Supplies; Other Miscellaneous Equipment and Contractual Expenses.	\$2,720,987	\$2,762,904	\$41,917
<u>Benefits</u> : Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for all Instructional Employees and Bus Drivers.	\$11,142,382	\$11,878,312	\$735,930
<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
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$47,829,415</b>	<b>\$48,632,168</b>	<b>\$802,753</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$64,752,895</b>	<b>\$65,740,756</b>	<b>\$802,753</b>



## PROGRAM BUDGET

Component Detail	Budget 12-13	Proposed Budget 13-14
In Service Training	165,376	167,610
Teaching	18,069,509	18,346,516
<b>Teaching-Regular School Total</b>	<b>18,234,885</b>	<b>18,514,126</b>

Program for Students with Disabilities	10,455,312	10,117,544
<b>Special Education Total</b>	<b>10,455,312</b>	<b>10,117,544</b>

Occupational Education	1,352,010	1,532,050
Special Schools	59,623	60,815
<b>Occupational Education</b>	<b>1,411,633</b>	<b>1,592,865</b>

School Library & Audio Visual	306,490	241,520
Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI)	744,757	756,261
<b>Instructional Media Total</b>	<b>1,051,247</b>	<b>997,781</b>

Guidance Services	823,538	795,097
Health Services	464,604	460,857
Psychological Services	268,766	261,435
Social Work Services	481,291	476,070
Co-Curricular Activities	138,487	137,804
Interscholastic Sports	511,283	512,373
<b>Pupil Services Total</b>	<b>2,687,969</b>	<b>2,643,636</b>

District Transportation	1,012,829	1,020,875
Bus Garage	70,398	71,514
Contract Transportation	1,637,760	1,670,515
<b>Transportation Total</b>	<b>2,720,987</b>	<b>2,762,904</b>

Benefits	11,142,382	11,878,312
<b>Employee Benefits Total</b>	<b>11,142,382</b>	<b>11,878,312</b>

Interfund Transfers-Special Aid	125,000	125,000
<b>Transfers Total</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>

<b>PROGRAM TOTAL</b>	<b>47,829,415</b>	<b>48,632,168</b>
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<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>64,752,895</b>	<b>65,740,756</b>
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## SUMMARY of REVENUES

	REVENUES 2012-13	ESTIMATED REVENUES 2013-14	12-13 REVENUES COMPARED TO ESTIMATED 13-14 REVENUES
<b>STATE / FEDERAL AID:</b> Represents the largest portion of revenue for the District. In the 2013-14 school year, it is projected to be 49.4% of all revenue. Last year, it was 49.8%. This year, the aid increased by \$211,260.	\$32,262,629	\$32,473,889	\$211,260
<b>OTHER INCOME:</b> Any income received by the School District other than State Aid, Fund Balance or Tax Levy is included under this heading. Examples of other income would be; rental, interest earnings, payments in lieu of taxes, refunds of prior year's expenses, gifts, fees, tax penalties, commissions and athletic event gate receipts.	\$1,767,186	\$1,674,267	(\$92,919)
<b>RESERVES / FUND BALANCE</b> <b>Reserves:</b> 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 adopted 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. This amount includes \$200,000 for the School Bus Purchase Proposition approved by the voters in May, 2012.  <b>Fund Balance:</b> 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.	\$4,757,385	\$4,757,385	\$0
<b>TAX LEVY:</b> 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 2013-14 school year, it is anticipated that there will be an increase of 2.56% in the tax levy set by the Board of Education. This amount stays within the legislation that enacted the Tax Cap threshold.	\$26,165,695	\$26,835,215	\$669,520

**TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES**

**\$64,952,895**

**\$65,740,756**

**\$787,861**

## **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:**

**\$148,610**                      **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)

**\$ 56,033**                      **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.

**\$ 24,149**                      Mandatory TRS Contribution @ 16.25% of salary

**\$ 15,542**                      Family Health/Dental/Vision Plan

**\$ 16,342**                      Required Social Security and Medicare Contribution, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Memberships

#### **Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services**

**\$83,000**                      **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.

**\$30,435**                      **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

\$21,640	Family Health/Dental/Vision Plan
\$ 8,795	Required Social Security and Medicare Contribution, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Memberships

### **Executive Director – Educational Services**

\$118,496      **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)

\$ 48,439      **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.

\$19,256	Mandatory TRS Contribution @ 16.25% of salary
\$ 16,942	Single Health/Dental/Vision Plan and Life Insurance
\$ 12,241	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 \$123,000 or more in salary during the 2013-14 fiscal year.

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

Important Note: Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 requires school districts to report data elements necessary to calculate a Property Tax Levy Limit. Data elements for the Property Tax Report Card have been renamed and redefined in accordance with these changes. Please see <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgt/serv/propertytax/taxcap/> for additional guidance.

Form Due - April 27, 2013

School District Contact Person: ALAN GETTER  
School District Telephone Number: (716) 807-3504

	Budgeted 2012-13 (A)	Proposed Budget 2013-14 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Proposed Spending	64,752,895	65,740,756	1.53 %
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Tax Levy to Support Library Debt <sup>1</sup>	26,165,695	26,835,215	2.56 %
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	36,190	0	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	26,129,505	26,835,215	
School Tax Levy Limit <sup>2</sup>	26,147,345	26,851,710	
Difference (positive value requires 60. ( )oter approval)	-17,840	-16,495	
Public School Enrollment	3,845	3,804	-1.07 %
Consumer Price Index			2.1 %

<sup>1</sup> All proposed levies should exclude any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

<sup>2</sup> For 2013-14, includes any carryover from 2012-13 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2012-13 (D)	Estimated 2013-14 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	11,664,423	10,624,236
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	4,557,385	4,557,385
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,175,403	2,588,532
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	1.82 %	3.94 %

Equalized Total Assessed Value 1,472,534,631

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted
12100	NYS - GENERALLY	RPTL 404(1)	22	2,021,340	0.14
12350	PUBLIC AUTHORITY - STATE	RPTL 412	7	123,711	0.01
13100	CO - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	12	171,134	0.01
13350	CITY - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	97	43,651,386	2.96
13500	TOWN - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	2	2,680	0.00
13800	SCHOOL DISTRICT	RPTL 408	15	41,625,155	2.83
14100	USA - GENERALLY	RPTL 400(1)	2	458,763	0.03
18020	MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEV AGENC	RPTL 412-a	17	12,381,649	0.84
21600	RES OF CLERGY - RELIG CORP OWN	RPTL 462	9	966,082	0.07
25110	NONPROF CORP - RELIG(CONST PRI	RPTL 420-a	48	23,844,639	1.62
25130	NONPROF CORP - CHAR (CONST PRI	RPTL 420-a	4	1,332,887	0.09
25210	NONPROF CORP - HOSPITAL	RPTL 420-a	4	23,201,031	1.58
25230	NONPROF CORP - MORAL/MENTAL IN	RPTL 420-a	9	2,034,536	0.14
25300	NONPROF CORP - SPECIFIED USES	RPTL 420-b	26	3,476,804	0.24
26100	VETERANS ORGANIZATION	RPTL 452	2	975,258	0.07
26250	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	RPTL 444	5	297,320	0.02
26400	INC VOLUNTEER FIRE CO OR DEPT	RPTL 464(2)	7	1,584,536	0.11
28110	NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUSING COMPAN	RPTL 422	1	3,436,082	0.23
33401	TAX SALE - CITY OWNED	RPTL 406(5)	3	59,485	0.00
38260	MUN HSNG AUTH -NYS AIDED	PUB HSNG L 52(4)&(5)	1	6,860,825	0.47
41101	VETS EX BASED ON ELIGIBLE FUND	RPTL 458(1)	38	58,326	0.00
41103	VETS EX BASED ON ELIGIBLE FUND	RPTL 458(1)	1	10,309	0.00
41111	VET PRO RATA: FULL VALUE ASSMT	RPTL 458(5)	228	10,861,599	0.74
41123	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-NON-COMI	RPTL 458-a	977	14,286,893	0.97
41133	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-COMBAT	RPTL 458-a	881	21,242,418	1.44
41143	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-DISABILI	RPTL 458-a	196	4,725,920	0.32
41153	COLD WAR VETERANS (10%)	RPTL 458-b	131	521,945	0.04

Equalized Total Assessed Value 1,472,534,631

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted
41173	COLD WAR VETERANS (DISABLED)	RPTL 458-b	7	94,187	0.01
41300	PARAPLEGIC VETS	RPTL 458(3)	7	1,391,546	0.09
41400	CLERGY	RPTL 460	18	27,835	0.00
41800	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	75	2,789,153	0.19
41803	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	3	71,285	0.00
41806	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	240	5,363,794	0.36
41900	PHYSICALLY DISABLED	RPTL 459	12	195,175	0.01
41931	DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOM	RPTL 459-c	27	921,338	0.06
41933	DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOM	RPTL 459-c	37	1,095,313	0.07
44113	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS - NEW CC	RPTL 457	7	296,876	0.02
44213	HOME IMPROVEMENTS	RPTL 421-f	244	2,151,365	0.15
47610	BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROPERTY	RPTL 485-b	38	3,540,297	0.24
48660	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND CO	P H F I L 577,654-a	1	236,598	0.02
48670	REDEVELOPMENT HOUSING CO	P H F I L 125 & 127	1	815,464	0.06
49530	INDUSTRIAL WASTE TREATMENT FAI	RPTL 477	1	392,784	0.03

Total Exemptions Exclusive of System Exemptions:

Total System Exemptions:

Totals:

3,463	239,575,722	16.27
0	0	0.00
3,463	239,575,722	16.27

Values have been equalized using the Uniform Percentage of Value. The Exempt amounts do not take into consideration, payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services.

Amount, if any, attributable to payments in lieu of taxes:

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

**BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES  
in BALLOT POSITION  
for  
2013 – 2014**

**Susanne Williams  
1303 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY**

**Arthur Pappas  
1417 Forbes Street  
North Tonawanda, NY**

**Robert Schmigel  
137 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY**

**Randy Bradt  
403 Deerfield Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY**

**Colleen Osborn  
377 Roncroft Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY**



# The New York State School Report Card

## Fiscal Accountability Supplement

### for

## North Tonawanda 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	\$33,120,643	\$15,464,954
	Pupils	3,841	627
	<b>Expenditures Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$8,623</b>	<b>\$24,665</b>
Similar District Group	Instructional Expenditures	\$7,820,663,210	\$3,172,283,304
	Pupils	798,424	110,978
	<b>Expenditures Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$9,795</b>	<b>\$28,585</b>
Total of All School Districts in NY State	Instructional Expenditures	\$29,473,160,406	\$12,260,104,540
	Pupils	2,688,528	412,226
	<b>Expenditures Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$10,963</b>	<b>\$29,741</b>
Similar District Group Description: Average Need/Resource Capacity			

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
<b>Total Expenditures Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$15,839</b>	<b>\$18,876</b>	<b>\$20,410</b>

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).

# The New York State School Report Card Information about Students with Disabilities for North Tonawanda 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 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 Counts as of October 4, 2011	This School District		Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Student Placement -- Percent of Time Inside Regular Classroom	Count of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities
80% or more	239	38.8%	58.1%	57.3%
40% to 79%	215	34.9%	18.8%	11.7%
Less than 40%	117	19.0%	16.7%	22.1%
Separate Settings	29	4.7%	4.1%	6.1%
Other Settings	16	2.6%	2.3%	2.8%

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 October 4, 2011. 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

2011-12 School Year	This School District	Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Special Ed Classification Rate	15.4%	12.1%	12.8%

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 Group Description: Average Need/Resource Capacity
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Similar District Groups are identified according to the Need-to-Resource-Capacity Index. More information about this categorization is on the Internet at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/2011-12/NeedResourceCapacityIndex.pdf>



NORTH TONAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NTS SPIRIT

## Budget Vote and Board Election - Tuesday, May 21, noon - 9 p.m. Alumni Student Activity Center, 405 Meadow Drive

### Budget Message from

#### Board President, Frank DiBernardo

As part of the annual budget planning process, the Board of Education, administration and staff reconfirm our goals for the upcoming budget year and then set priorities as to what we need to offer for the next school year. The last several years have been extremely painful as programs were cut due to the imbalance of expenses to revenue. This year, a priority was to maintain our current level of services, program offerings and athletics and the board tasked our administrators to achieve these goals.

Like many districts, we are faced with increased expenses and decreased revenues. Some of the increased expenditures that continue to be passed on from the state to local school districts are contractual obligations to fulfill and increased expenses from BOCES. Last year, we closed Gilmore and redistricted in anticipation of future cost savings and declining enrollment numbers. In order to reduce expenses, we offered early retirements, reduced staff based on adjusted enrollment totals, and locked into a lower percentage for the Teacher Retirement System (14.5% vs. 16-18% variation). These actions put back \$1.5 million into our bottom line, but we still had a shortfall. The 2013-14 proposed budget is \$65,740,756, which includes a 2.56% tax levy increase and a \$987,861 increase over the current budget. The tax levy is below the state cap allowable for the district. This budget plan puts us in a position to meet the goals we set when we started our budget discussions. Many districts are at the state cap max and still cutting programs.

The Board of Education members and district employees have worked diligently to provide a budget that meets our goals and is fiscally responsible despite the economic hurdles we have faced. We believe that this budget strikes a balance that will allow us to continue to offer an excellent academic program for all children in North Tonawanda.

### Board of Education Candidates

Information on Board of Education candidates can be found on the district website, [www.ntschoools.org](http://www.ntschoools.org). Voters will elect two board members, each for a three-year term from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.



### Message from Superintendent Woytila

The Board of Education worked hard to develop a budget that would preserve programs and activities for students. Working to do this and stay within the limits of the Governor's tax cap limits is extremely difficult.

We cut 12 positions this year, and we continue to trim back as our enrollment declines. In the past 10 years we closed a middle school and two elementary buildings. While the district did experience a decline in enrollment over the past few years, we now seem to be leveling off and maintaining at about 3,600 students.

Across the state all school districts are struggling with cutting programs and raising taxes to build a budget. The Board of Education here in North Tonawanda worked hard to stay just below the Governor's tax cap limit and maintain the current level of programs for the students.

Please study the following pages for more information. The budget vote and election will be held May 21.

### Have You Registered Your Child for Kindergarten?

If your child will be starting Kindergarten in September, please be sure that you have registered your child at the Administration Building on Humphrey Street. Children must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2013. Equally important is to be sure they are signed up for a kindergarten screening time. At the screening your child will be assessed by the kindergarten staff, school nurse and speech department. By attending the screening you are helping to assure your child will receive the best placement. All kindergarten screenings will be held at Grant School. If you have not signed up for a screening time, please call 807-3539.





## Students Take on the Persona of Biography Studied

Recently fourth-grade students at Drake School participated in a Biography Day. Following the reading of a biography of a famous person, each child created a timeline of the individual's life and a stamp commemorating their accomplishment. Children also applied their computer skills to design



Pictured is Walter Budziszewski



Pictured L-R Gary Burton and Chase Luly

a Kidspiration web based on the life of their individual. To culminate the biography unit, the children dressed up as their famous person and fielded inter-

view questions from family and friends who visited school that day. The children enjoyed sharing their new knowledge with all who attended, including Mr. Woytila, Superintendent of Schools.

## Second Graders Agree-We Live in a Sweet World



Father Ryszard Biernat, a local beekeeper, visited second graders at Drake School to read the story The Beeman, and to talk about his hobby of col-

lecting honey from his bee colonies. The activity was sponsored by the New York Agriculture in the Classroom organization. The students learned many amazing facts about Honeybees. All the discussion about honey stirred up the student's appetites which led to a honey tasting experience including honey sticks and peanut butter and honey sandwiches. The more they learned about the wonder of bees making honey, the better it tasted.

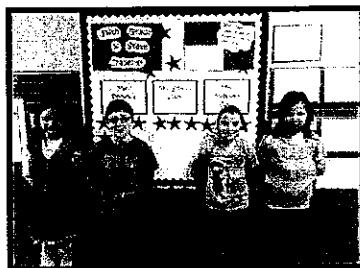
## Ohio Boosts Recycling Efforts

Taking advantage of the expanded recycling program in place in the North Tonawanda City School District, students and staff are greatly increasing the amount of recycling at Ohio Elementary School. Besides paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, and glass, staff and students can recycle nearly all plastics. Fifth-grade students are volunteering to collect the recyclables from the classrooms and offices on a biweekly basis. Custodians are breaking down cardboard from the cafeteria and adding them to the totes. All classrooms and offices have recycling bins. Currently Ohio staff and students are stuffing five 95 gallon recycling totes to the brim!



## Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?

Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Mahady, and Mrs. Smith's fifth-grade classes at Drake School are currently in the middle of a contest for Social Studies. The contest is to see which class can have every student correctly label the United States map first. Each week the three classes take a test to see if they can label the entire map. Once a student correctly labels all 50 states, they are finished with the tests and have their name put on the contest bulletin board.



Pictured are some map superstar students: Alesha Weyant, Aaron Priore, Shannon Lang and Lauren Fisher.

## District Art Show Opening Reception

May 22

Alumni Center

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

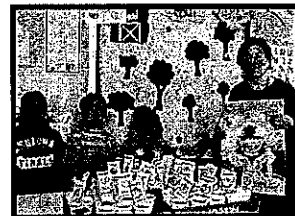
After a busy year of learning about art, creativity, innovation and expressing ideas, North Tonawanda students in grades two through twelve are ready to showcase their accomplishments at the Annual District Art Show. This year's show will be in the Alumni Center at the High School. The opening reception will be Wednesday May 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Throughout the year, students' artwork has been exhibited in many art shows throughout Western New York including the North Tonawanda Administration Building. Three students' work was selected for the Daemen College All High Art show. Senior Ben Stonish will have artwork displayed in the Castalani Art Gallery at Niagara College. Elementary students' artwork was displayed at the UB Fine Arts building in March. Also during the month of March selected student work was shown at Carnegie Art Center in North Tonawanda.



## Spring Planting Day

In spite of the rather chilly weather outside, spring planting day was in the works in Mrs. Dexheimer's kindergarten class at Spruce School. The students listened to the Big Book I'm a Seed by Jean Marzollo and listened to the differences between the marigold and pumpkin plants.

Following the comparing and contrasting of these plants, the children got out the dirt, seeds and cups and planted their own and will eagerly watch for sprouts!





## Kudos to the Academy of Business and Finance Advisory Board!

Every Academy has a dedicated Advisory Board behind it to brainstorm ideas, review curriculum, implement programs, and assist with a multitude of other items. These boards are made up of business leaders, parents, teachers, counselors and administrators. Our Academy could not be as strong as it is without the support of all these dedicated people. The Academy of Business and Finance Advisory Board is currently made up of the following members: Leah E. Barco - Northwest Savings Bank, Donna Wick and Kristina Bragg - Niagara Regional Federal Credit Union, Jennifer Carr and Krista Rappa - Key Bank, Michael Fetzer and Zachary Niemiec - AOF Graduates, Joseph C. Genco - New England Financial, Shawn C. Glogowski - Financial Planning Coordinators, Michele Golding - Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc., David Jakubaszek - NT City Accountant, Lorne Marshall and Lori Sciandra - Metro Group, Inc., Jeffrey Murbach - Evans Bank, David Priszczuk - Tops Markets, Joyce Santiago - Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas and a parent, Michael Tasner Jr. - TAZ Solutions, Inc., James A. Vastola - State Farm Insurance, James V. Fisher - NTHS Principal, Mary Jane Clark-Wolentarski - NTHS School Counselor, Annette Follendorf, Sarah Hansgate, and Barb Sattelberg - NTHS teachers. A huge thank you goes out to all these dedicated individuals for all the time committed to this Academy and the students who are a part of it!



James Fisher, Michael Fetzer and James Vastola with Academy Director Laurie Widman and several Academy students

## Math and Science Day Debuts at Spruce

In February, the Spruce School students participated in activities all day that revolved around math and science. Students in grades three through six explored topics that involved hands-on learning. The students tested electrical circuits, constructed domino chains, and designed and built race cars.

The primary students predicted and tested objects for buoyancy, experimented with static, and designed mini-race cars.

The physical fitness station showed the children that math and science work together. The children calculated their heart rate at rest and after racing.

The Audubon Society spent the day educating our students about birding and cold-blooded critters.

The culminating activity centered around the students racing their cars on professional ramps provided by the Boy Scouts and Grand Island Bible Presbyterian.

This day was made possible by the Remember Ryan Foundation and the Spruce S.H.S.O.



Matthew Woelfle explores static electricity

Jordan Kamuth listening carefully to Madison Ahearn's heart beat



Damian Higgins gets ready to race

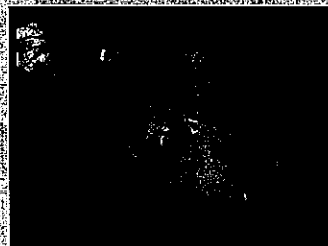
## Musicians Prepare for Future

In general music class at Meadow School, fourth graders have been diligently practicing their recorders. Learning to play the recorder has been a very rewarding experience and excellent preparation for playing a musical instrument in fifth and sixth grade. The students are looking forward to performing at the end of the school year. Shown below is Mrs. Grimm's fourth-grade class.



## Extra-Curricular...Totally Voluntary

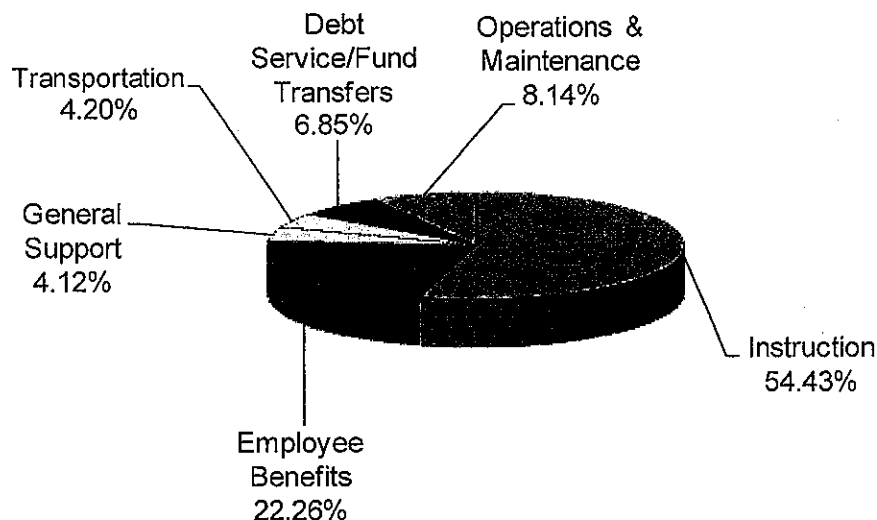
In the extra-curricular, totally voluntary endeavors, Team 7A at North Tonawanda Middle School has shown their unity and dedication in the "Have a Heart" campaign through Roswell Park. Roswell Park is home to world-class research and renowned physicians, and serves more than 30,000 patients each year including one special young lady from Team 7A. The students are showing their support by becoming more aware in the prevention and treatment of cancer. The team has designed a blanket for their fellow student. In keeping with the "Have a Heart" campaign, the blanket is covered with hearts filled with inspirational sayings.



Faith Nutt explores static electricity



## EXPENDITURES



### PROPOSITION #1 VOTE ON BUDGET

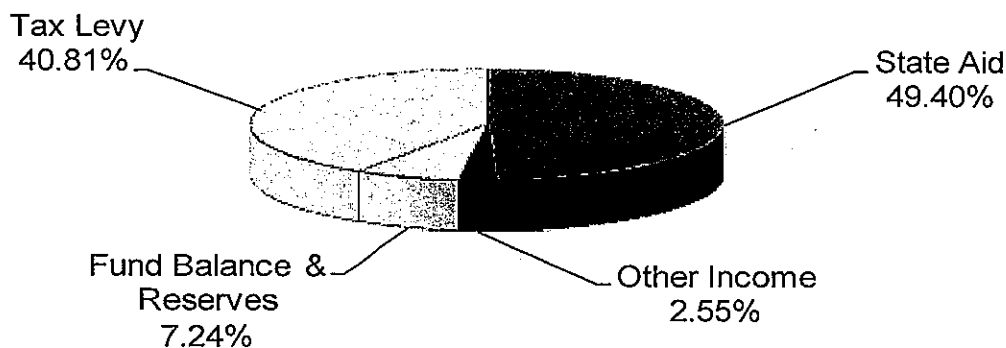
Shall the proposed budget of Expenditures of the North Tonawanda City School District for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$65,740,756 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources provided by law.

	2012-13	2013-14	% of Change From 2012-13
<b>Instruction</b>	\$35,717,250	\$35,777,135	0.17%
Includes: K-12 Instructional program supervision, curriculum development, BOCES, special education programs, occupational education, interscholastic athletics, co-curricular programs, health services, library media, computer instruction, pupil personnel services.			
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	\$13,771,889	\$14,635,768	6.27%
Includes: Employee retirement systems, health insurance, unemployment insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.			
<b>General Support</b>	\$2,678,825	\$2,706,368	1.03%
Includes: Legal services, personnel, insurance, school board, refund on property tax, BOCES administrative charges, administrative and financial services, public information, central data processing and auditing.			
<b>Transportation</b>	\$2,720,987	\$2,762,904	1.54%
Includes: Transportation to public and non-public schools, vocational schools, educational field and athletic trips and transportation of special education children.			
<b>Debt Services/Fund Transfers</b>	\$4,593,113	\$4,504,448	-1.93%
Includes: Principal and interest payments on debt for district building reconstruction projects, energy conservation projects and pension bonds. Also, the District's share of special education summer programs and reconstruction of the bus garage parking lot.			
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$5,270,831	\$5,354,133	1.58%
Includes: Maintenance of district facilities, custodial services and utility costs.			
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$65,732,895	\$65,740,756	0.01%
<b>School Bus Transportation</b>	\$200,000	\$0	-100%

\* (Approved by the voters as a separate proposition in May, 2012.)

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$65,932,895	\$65,740,756	-0.29%
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## REVENUES



	2012-13	2013-14	Change from 2012-13
State/Federal Aid	\$32,262,629	\$32,473,889	\$211,260

State/Federal Aid represents the largest portion of revenue for the District. In the 2013-14 school year, it is projected to be 49.4% of all revenue. Last year it was 49.8%. This year, the aid increased by \$211,260.

Other Income	\$1,767,186	\$1,674,267	\$-92,919
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Any income received by the School District other than State 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.

Reserves/Fund Balance	\$4,757,385	\$4,757,385	\$0
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**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 adopted 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. This amount includes \$200,000 for the school bus purchase proposition approved by the voters in May, 2012.

**Fund Balance:** Funds that 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	\$26,165,695	\$26,835,215	\$669,520
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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 2013-14 school year, it is anticipated that there will be an increase of 2.56% in the tax levy set by the Board of Education. This amount stays within the legislation that enacted the Tax Cap threshold.

TOTAL REVENUE	\$60,995,899	\$60,740,756	\$-255,143
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## North Tonawanda City School District Budget Notice

### Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2012-13 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2013-2014 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2013-14 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$64,752,895*	\$65,740,756	\$65,071,236
Increase/decrease for the 2013-14 School Year		\$987,861	\$318,341
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		1.53%	0.49%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.1%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable.	\$26,165,695	\$26,835,215	\$26,165,695
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$36,190	\$0-	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt.	\$26,129,505	\$26,835,215	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions.	\$26,147,345	\$26,851,710	
Difference: A-B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval— See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$(17,840)	\$(16,495)	
Administrative Component	\$5,956,599	\$6,056,672	\$5,995,013
Program Component	\$47,829,415	\$48,632,168	\$48,139,307
Capital Component	\$10,966,881	\$11,051,916	\$10,936,914

\*Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2013-14 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Eliminate non-contingent items; student supplies, community use of buildings and grounds, certain equipment, certain salary increases, provide for equipment repair and contingent expenses.

Also meets guidelines required under the recently adopted Tax Threshold legislation.

\*In 2012-13 the voters also approved a \$200,000 Bus Purchase out of the District's reserves.

List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount;  
(Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
N/A	-0-

### Under the Budget Proposed for the 2013-14 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$625.14
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2013-2014 by the qualified voters of the North Tonawanda City School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held at the North Tonawanda Senior High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Alumni Student Activity Center, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.





## WINTER 2012-2013 SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

### SECTION VI ADPRO ALL-WNY SCHOLAR ATHLETE WINTER 2012-2013

Andrew Walck	Varsity Boys Ice Hockey	Winner
Curtis Swan	Varsity Boys Ice Hockey	Honorable Mention
Benjamin Stonish	Varsity Boys Bowling	Honorable Mention
Alexander Behr	Varsity Boys Bowling	Honorable Mention
Kelsey Lowery	Varsity Girls Bowling	Honorable Mention
Alex Krull	Varsity Boys Swimming & Diving	Honorable Mention
Nick Vossler	Varsity Boys Swimming & Diving	Honorable Mention
Judy Rachelle	Varsity Girls Basketball	Honorable Mention
Megan Helf	Varsity Girls Basketball	Honorable Mention

#### Criteria for the Individual Award

- Student must have an overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters (fall, winter) and seven semesters (spring)
- Student must be a starter or important reserve
- Seniors only

#### NYSPHSAA, Inc. Scholar/Athlete Team 2012-2013 Winter Awards

The NYSPHSAA is proud to recognize student athletes who excel in the classroom. Too often student athletes are only recognized for their performance in the gym or on the field. The Section VI Scholar Athlete program was developed to recognize the hard work that student athletes do off the field. A required number of team members must have a combined team average of 90% or higher to qualify for the team award.

This year's 2012-2013 winter award winners are the following:

Girls Varsity Basketball	95.606
Boys Varsity Swimming & Diving	95.150
Boys Varsity Ice Hockey	93.731
Girls Varsity Indoor Track	92.908
Girls Varsity Bowling	91.563
Boys Varsity Basketball	90.820



North Tonawanda had six out of nine varsity teams qualify for this year's 2012-2013 Winter Scholar Athlete Team Awards.

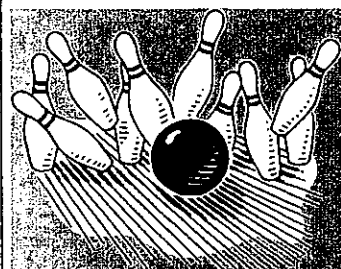
### Powers, Wozniak Lead Bowlers

Junior Cassidy Powers rolled a Niagara Frontier League and school record 1389 for 6 games (a 231 average) in leading the Lady Jacks bowlers to a third place finish among 47 teams at the Section VI Championships.

Cassidy is now the Section VI Champion and went on to the State Tournament at Syracuse as part of the All-Section team. The Section VI girls set a NYS Tournament record with a 6506 for 6 games in winning the Gold Medal, making Cassidy a State Champion! Senior Peter Wozniak finished fourth at Sectionals, averaging 219 and leading the Lumberjacks to third place in Class A. At States, his Section team took the Silver Medal as Peter averaged 216 and won the Sportsmanship Award.

The NFL season was a success for both boys and girls teams as they both finished second in the league with identical 11-3 records. With high

scores too numerous to mention, the Lumberjacks were rounded out by Alex Behr, Matt Noakes, Ben Stonish, Brandon Forster, Kyle Behr, Orian Montgomery, Dillon Snopkowski, David Werth and Antonio LaBarbera. Bowling with Cassidy on the Lady Jacks were Kelsey Lowery, Steffanie Niedzwiec, Becca Conlan, Abbey Kieffer, Bridgette Enright, Whitney Werth, Jamie Richards and Haylee Sutton.



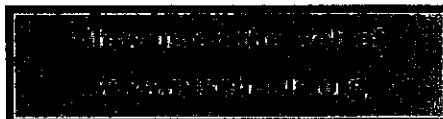
### Blankets for Children

Fifth- and sixth-graders at Ohio Elementary showed their good will along with Mrs. Lowry, Miss Byrne and Mrs. Holler as they stayed after school to make fleece blankets for Children's Hospital. Students Emily Caple and Jordan Johnson headed "Blankets for Children". With their eager helpers Megan Marra, Emily Barone, Zachary Hance, Kaylee Butcher, Hailey Heiss, Kaia O'Rourke, Kirsten Ferree, Erin Hall, Emily Hooley, Jack Julian and Madison VanHoff they were able to donate 30 beautiful blankets to Children's Hospital. The staff, parents and children were very grateful for the donation.



### Students Work Hard to Show Work!

Spruce students are learning the value of working hard. Even though they can do some math mentally, the importance of "checking" our brain is being stressed. Students that show work worthy of the wall get their scrap paper displayed. The rewards are plentiful. Students are proud of their work and are creating good habits. In addition, for every five pieces, the students get to choose a prize from the Spruce Treasure Tower in the office. They are well on their way to their goal of filling the wall from the ceiling to the floor. Would your work be worthy?



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**Xtra! Xtra! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

Students at Drake School in kindergarten through sixth-grade are participating in a computer program called Xtramath.org to practice their math facts. Math fact fluency is an area of focus for the Common Core Standards and is also an important base for student success in math. All students start working with addition facts and make progress at their own pace. The program specifically targets the facts that the student most needs to practice.

It is a free and well-designed program that teachers and parents can easily sign on for their children so that they may become more proficient with their math facts. The program keeps track of each child's mastery of their math facts. A weekly report will be sent to your e-mail address so you will be kept informed of your child's progress.

Try out the free math program that will help promote your child's success in math. If a child is able to recall math facts easily, then the transition to more complicated math will be much simpler.

If you have any questions about this wonderful program, Xtramath.org, e-mail [BDaigler@nts.schools.org](mailto:BDaigler@nts.schools.org).



**Health Fair**

NT's second health fair on Saturday, April 13 at the Middle School was attended by over 40 vendors and 400 community members.

Participants were able to participate in many activities such as having their nails done to visiting a smoke house. New this year was the 5k/1 mile Family Fun Run. Over 300 runners participated running through Wurlitzer Park. Despite the wind and cold, a good time was had by all.

