



# Orchard Park Central School District *Community Report*

May 2009/Annual Budget Vote Information

## *Public Hearing Slated*

A public hearing regarding the revised District Code of Conduct will be held before the May 19, 2009 Board of Education meeting. The hearing and meeting will take place at the High School at 7:30 p.m.

*Summer  
Community  
Education  
Brochure  
Enclosed!!*

## *Skip the Cooking and Support Post Prom*

The High School Post Prom Committee will host a BW's Chicken Barbecue Dinner on Tuesday, May 19 from 4 - 8 p.m. (or until they run out). Take Out Only. Drive-through service is available, tickets are \$9 presale, \$10 at the door. Presale tickets available at the High School House 1 Office (209-6212). Proceeds will benefit the High School Post Prom Party.



## **2009-2010 Annual School Vote Budget, Bus Proposition, and School Board Election**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

**7 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Orchard Park High School**

**4040 Baker Road**

**(Freeman Road lot)**

**Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m.**

**District Offices, 3330 Baker Road**

**[www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org)**

# Continue the Investment in Student Achievement

## Annual Vote and Election of School Board Trustees

Voting will take place at Orchard Park High School, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park, from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. For easy access to the Gymnasium, please use the Freeman Road Entrance.

### **Proposition 1**

General Fund Budget - Pages 3-5

### **Proposition 2**

Purchase of Buses - Page 8

**Election of Two Trustees to the Board of Education - Pages 8-9**

1A - Kimberly Hughes

2A - Alfred McClymonds

3A - Carla Marrazzo

4A - Donna M. Omar (Bonitati)

**Total Operating Budget:\$77,493,662**

**Estimated Tax Rate Increase: 4.95%**

**\$1.29 per thousand**

### ***You can vote if you are:***

- at least 18 years old
- a U.S. citizen, and
- a District resident for at least 30 days before date of the vote.

You do not have to be a registered voter to vote in school district elections, but you will be asked to show proof of residency at the polls (i.e. driver's license, rent/mortgage receipt).

### ***Absentee Ballots***

Applications for absentee ballots for the 2009/10 Annual School Vote may be obtained at the District Clerk's Office, 3330 Baker Road, Orchard Park. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or no later than the day before the vote if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m., prevailing time, on May 19, 2009.

For more information on absentee ballots, please contact the District Clerk at 209-6280.

***A Public Hearing for the School District Budget and Bus Purchase will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the District Offices, 3330 Baker Road, Orchard Park.***

# Proposition 1 - General Fund Budget

Total Expenditures: \$77,493,662

Budget-to-Budget Increase 4.96 %

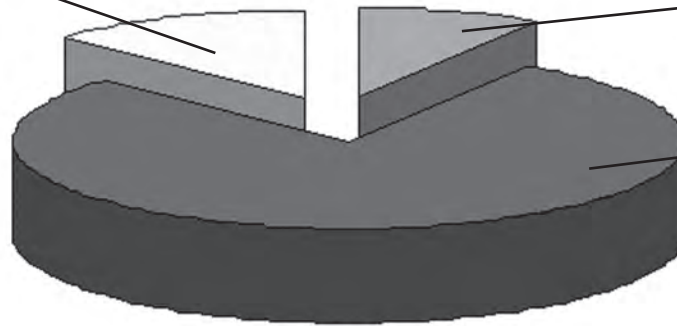
## Proposed Expenditures

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Capital Component Total  
\$11,778,423

Administrative Component Total  
\$6,827,780

Program Component Total  
\$58,887,459



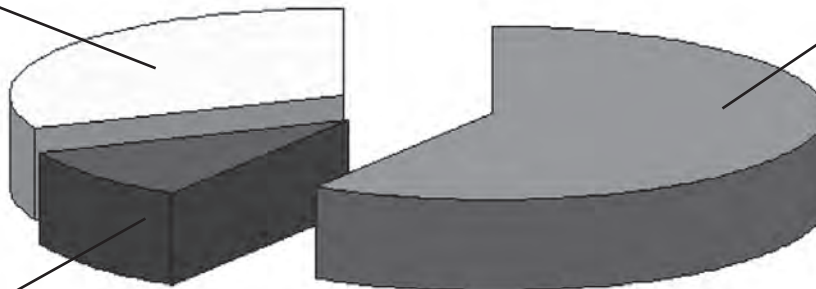
## Projected Revenues

Full detail on page 5

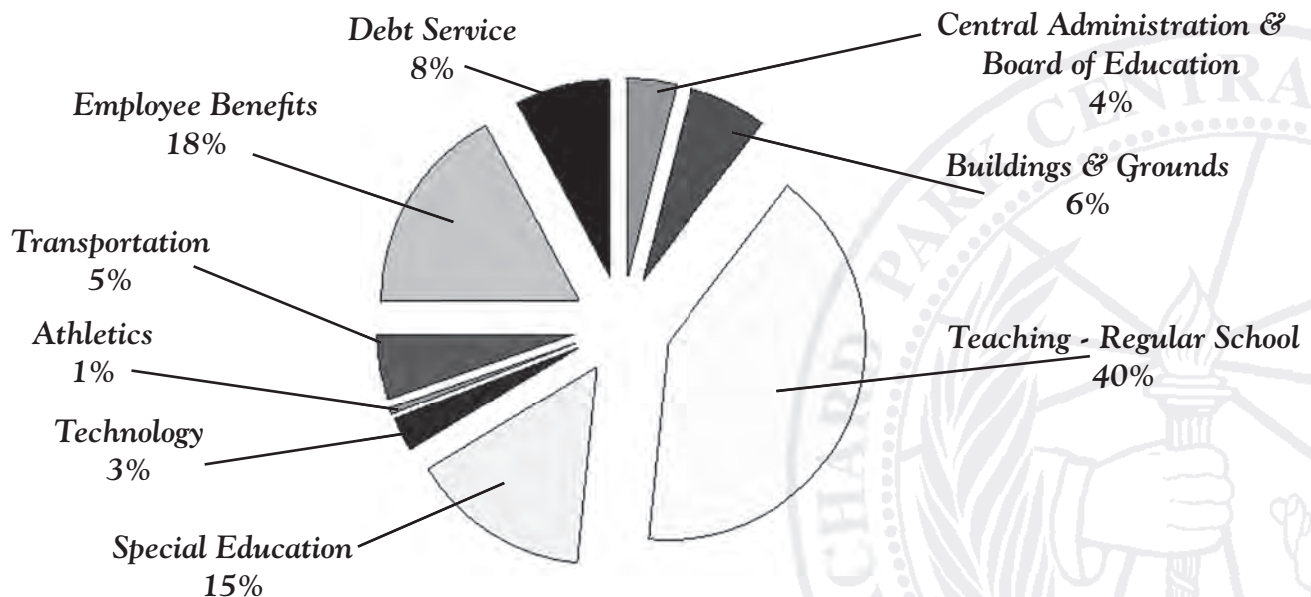
Total State Aid  
\$24,935,649

Total Property Tax  
\$45,844,673

Other Local  
\$6,713,340



## Departmental Budget Comparison



# 2009-2010 Three-Part Budget (Common Language)

## **Administrative Component:**

	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	
Board of Education	\$23,000	\$17,250	
District Clerk	\$1,700	\$1,650	
District Meetings	\$32,000	\$32,000	
Chief School Administrator	\$256,633	\$253,019	
Business Administration	\$367,175	\$385,832	
Auditing	\$27,000	\$29,000	
Treasurer	\$300	\$225	
Tax Collection	\$13,000	\$13,000	
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Legal Services	\$100,000	\$115,000	
Personnel	\$311,757	\$313,744	
Public Information	\$77,605	\$74,879	
Central Printing & Mailing	\$224,865	\$213,635	
Unallocated Insurance	\$260,000	\$235,000	
School Association Dues	\$30,000	\$25,000	
Assessments on School Property	\$36,000	\$40,000	
Refund on Real Property Taxes	\$100,000	\$100,000	
BOCES Administration & Capital	\$435,117	\$465,460	
Curriculum Development	\$850,470	\$795,134	
Supervision - Regular School	\$1,819,166	\$1,731,324	
Research, Planning & Evaluation	\$147,155	\$155,083	
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$188,154	\$230,174	
Employee Benefits	\$1,396,600	\$1,598,371	
<b>Administrative Component Total:</b>	<b>\$6,700,697</b>	<b>\$6,827,780</b>	<b>8.81%</b>

## **Program Component:**

Teaching - Regular Day School	\$25,398,972	\$25,858,453	
Special Education	\$10,499,108	\$11,303,853	
Occupational Education	\$467,570	\$572,634	
Teaching - Special School	\$219,087	\$185,991	
School Library & Audiovisual	\$834,749	\$803,541	
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$2,159,184	\$2,062,545	
Guidance & Counseling	\$757,167	\$828,361	
Health Services	\$512,009	\$598,976	
Psychological & Social Work Services	\$530,578	\$626,503	
Co-Curricular Activities	\$395,600	\$313,611	
Interscholastic Athletics	\$552,876	\$485,061	
Transportation	\$3,834,165	\$3,930,212	
Employee Benefits	\$11,233,346	\$11,112,718	
Interfund Transfers	\$220,000	\$205,000	
<b>Program Component Total:</b>	<b>\$57,614,411</b>	<b>\$58,887,459</b>	<b>75.99%</b>

## **Capital Component:**

Operation of Plant	\$3,965,923	\$3,795,232	
Maintenance of Plant	\$1,110,398	\$1,037,708	
Employee Benefits	\$820,715	\$911,728	
Debt Service	\$3,620,716	\$6,033,755	
<b>Capital Component Total:</b>	<b>\$9,517,752</b>	<b>\$11,778,423</b>	<b>15.20%</b>

## **GENERAL FUND TOTAL:**

**\$73,832,860      \$77,493,662**

# 2009-2010 Anticipated General Fund Revenues

Source of Revenue	2008-09 Budget	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Budget	Tax Levy Increase
Property Tax Levy	43,322,425	43,322,425	45,844,673	2,522,248
<b>Total Property Tax:</b>	<b>\$43,322,425</b>	<b>\$43,322,425</b>	<b>\$45,844,673</b>	<b>5.82%</b>
<b>Other Local</b>				
Other Payments In Lieu Of	375,000	436,836	375,000	
Interest & Penalties On	4,000	4,097	4,000	
Non-Property Tax Distribution	4,000,000	4,490,000	3,000,000	
Community Education Tuition	160,000	145,000	145,000	
Textbook Charges	2,000	1,600	1,500	
Admissions	9,000	10,969	9,000	
Other Charges for Services	25,000	33,008	45,000	
Day School Tuition	40,000	45,000	40,000	
Health Services - Other Districts	50,000	54,032	50,000	
Transport for Other Districts	1,000	2,500	1,000	
Interest and Earnings	400,000	250,000	100,000	
Rental of Property (BOCES)	157,000	134,544	135,000	
Rental of Equipment - Individual	9,000	7,195	7,000	
Commissions	0	0	0	
Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	
Insurance Recoveries	0	9,980	0	
Refunds - Prior Year Expenses	0	102,698	0	
Refunds - Prior Yr. BOCES	200,000	452,217	200,000	
Unclassified	5,000	10,911	5,000	
Medicaid Reimbursement	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Turf Project Reserve	0	0	35,200	
Playground Reserve	0	0	10,640	
Tax Reduction Reserve	0	0	0	
\$7M Project Balance	0	0	800,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,700,000	0	1,700,000	
<b>Total Other Local Share:</b>	<b>\$7,187,000</b>	<b>\$6,240,587</b>	<b>\$6,713,340</b>	
<b>State Aid</b>				
Foundation Aid	14,407,784	14,826,922	14,826,922	
Excess Cost/Private & High Cost	1,142,407	1,187,254	1,130,763	
BOCES	1,586,604	1,610,092	1,801,035	
Building Aid (w/EXCEL Aid)	2,510,294	2,471,299	3,346,994	
Transportation	3,087,055	3,072,820	3,239,884	
Textbook/Soft/Hard/Library/AV	589,291	586,021	590,051	
Other State Aid/Adjustments	0	0	0	
<b>Total State Aid:</b>	<b>\$23,323,435</b>	<b>\$23,754,408</b>	<b>\$24,935,649</b>	
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>	<b>\$73,832,860</b>	<b>\$73,317,420</b>	<b>\$77,493,662</b>	

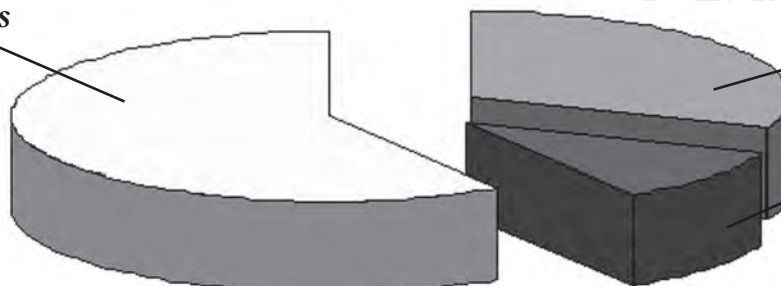
## The Revenue Dollar

For Each Dollar of Revenue

\$0.59 comes from  
property taxes

\$0.32 comes from  
State Aid

\$0.09 comes  
from sales tax,  
investments, fund  
balance, tuition, etc.



## Superintendent's Column

Well the budget is done and has been accepted by the Orchard Park Board of Education! You will vote on the 2009-10 school budget on Tuesday, May 19 at the High School. For convenience, park in the Freeman Road lot and proceed to the gymnasium to cast your ballot. Besides the budget, you will be voting on the annual purchase of buses to refresh our fleet and the election of two trustees to the Board of Education. As in the past four years, the bus proposal will have no tax impact. Also, on May 19 there will be a concert, athletic competitions and a chicken barbecue to fund the post prom activities.

While this budget reduces expenditures by \$2.47 million, the loss of \$1.2 million in state aide, a projected \$1 million decrease in sales tax revenue, and the reduction in investment interest of \$300,000 has resulted in a tax levy increase of 5.82%. In comparing



Joan Thomas

our district to the other 27 districts in Western New York, this budget will still place us below the average full value tax rate in the area. We believe we are ensuring the Orchard Park community top value for your educational dollar. Orchard Park continues to rank among the top schools in education, athletics, arts and music. We graduate 94% of our seniors and the 2008 graduating class was awarded almost \$4 million in scholarship and scholastic awards. These wonderful statistics are

a result of a partnership between our community, our parents, our Board of Education, our schools and the strong work ethic of our students.

In any successful endeavor, many factions are involved. Education is about collaboration and support. I hope the 2009-10 budget will allow us to continue the Orchard Park tradition of excellence in education.

## Board President's Column

Donald Sniezak

On April 7, 2009 Mrs. Thomas presented the final budget to the Board of Education. This budget includes \$2.47 million in reductions from all areas, including athletics, personnel, co-curriculars, buildings & grounds and transportation. Planning the 2009-2010 Orchard Park budget has been a long and difficult process. The administrative staff have conducted extensive meetings and worked with building representatives, the Board of Education and each other to develop a budget which balances the needs of the students, taxpayers, and staff. Most importantly, they worked to develop a budget which allows the District to maintain the tradition of excellence which Orchard Park is known for.

In early April, we learned that New York State reinstated \$2.4 million from the proposed cuts mentioned in January. However, a freeze in funding means that the District will not receive any additional aid for the 2009-2010 school year. The diligent work by school administration in finding savings in the budget, and the reinstatement of State aid to our 2008-2009 level, has resulted in a proposed impact of a 4.97% increase in taxes for an Orchard Park Township



Members of the  
2008-2009 Board of Education  
Row 1: Maria Lehman, vice-president  
and Donald Sniezak, president  
Row 2: Alfred McClymonds, Rachel  
Baksa, Carla Marrazzo, Natalie A.  
Schaffer and David Nielsen

resident. The Board is sensitive to our taxpayers' financial situations, and we strived to keep this impact below 5%.

While many surrounding school districts have published lower increases, they have chosen to use reserve funds or fund balances to offset the total tax levy. Our School Board, with the guidance of Mr. Petrus, is trying to build our fund balance, in lieu of exhausting it. Many taxpayers may see this as a negative option, however, Governor Patterson has warned us to expect possible mid-year cuts and to expect less State aid for the 2010-2011

school year. The Board feels that small, incremental tax increases are better for our taxpayers vs. a large increase (10% or more) next year and possibly the year after.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Thomas and her administrative staff for developing a fiscally sound budget. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage each and every one of you to go out and vote on May 19. The members of the Board of Education are working for you. We need to hear your opinion from the voting booth.

## The Pride of Orchard Park



Congratulations to the 39 seniors recognized by the District, the Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce and the business community as Orchard Park Pride. These students were recognized for their outstanding character, leadership and achievement at an awards dinner held on April 29. Orchard Park Pride honorees are pictured above, from left to right: Row 1: Kaitlyn Matthews, Jessica Saville, Yanyan Lin, Margaret Guzzino, Grace Pappalardo, Emily Sniezak and Taylor Mango. Row 2: Heather Alico, Jennifer Waris, Rachel Mikol,

Andrew Brydges, Deanna Wach, Molly Minogue, Lauren Mezzadri, Katie Schiffler, Anna Zahm and Jennifer Williams. Row 3: Kevin Prise II, Catherine Dell, Rachael Crapsi, Natalie Hill, Andrew Fitscher, Curtis Wassum, Matthew Vogan, Hillary Krutchick, Annie O'Connor and Samuel Levindofske. Row 4: Thomas Comfort Jr., Kyle Hoppy, Samantha Will, Joseph Schafer, Matthew Simson, Nick Lewandowski, Nick Kaczmarek, Stephanie Weiner, Morgan Trent, Emily Yox and Michael Walia. *Not pictured: Logan Jensen.*

## Now Accepting Applications for Universal Pre-K

Again this year, the Orchard Park Central School District is seeking grant funding to provide Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) to preschool age children. If approved, the UPK program will once again be conducted in the 2009-2010 school year.

Children who will be 4 years-old on or before December 1, 2009 will be eligible to apply. Through grant funding, the district hopes to support approximately one hundred half-day slots. If more than one hundred families apply, children will be selected through a random lottery.

Through this Universal Pre-Kindergarten program, 4-year olds will be eligible for a half-day pre-kindergarten program for the 200-2010 school year at no cost to families. The program will be held off-site and in partnership with high quality community-based organizations (i.e. pre-school program providers,

day care centers, etc.). Transportation will be the responsibility of parents/guardians. During the 2008-2009 school year, the program was held at Doodle Bugs!, EduKids, Child Time, Wee Can Preschool, and the YMCA. The 09-10 partnerships have yet to be determined. All community-based organizations will be located within the Orchard Park Central School District.

Families interested in applying for this pre-kindergarten program opportunity may download a registration application at [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org) or call 209-6215 to have an application mailed to them. Completed applications, including all necessary registration documents, are due by July 1, 2009. Families will be notified of the grant status and whether or not their child was selected for participation in the program in early August.

# Proposition 2 - Purchase and Financing of Vehicles

Voters will decide on the purchase of six 65-passenger buses, and two wheelchair buses. The purchase, part of the District's long-range bus replacement schedule, will not add to the tax burden.

These eight buses, at a cost of no more than \$738,000, will be funded through state education reimbursement and contractual agreements.

This proposition is similar to propositions passed over the last four years.

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## Board of Education Candidates

The following are candidates running for the Orchard Park Board of Education. They are listed in alphabetical order. District residents will elect two candidates to three-year terms.

The information below was provided by the candidates. The District does not provide further candidate information. If you have questions,

please contact the candidate directly.

The Board of Education is elected by District voters to govern schools and determine education policy. Board members are state officials operating within guidelines set forth by New York State Education Law, the State Board of Regents, judicial decisions and other regulatory agencies.

### Kimberly Hughes

**Address:** 13 Taylor Dr., West Seneca

**Children in School:** A boy and girl that attend Windom Elementary

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies Education 7-12 with an extension to teach grades 5-6; Master's Degree in Elementary Education

**Career:** High school Social Studies teacher

**Community Service:** • Served on the transition committee at Windom Elementary • taught religious education • coached for more than 10 years • Independence party committee member for the 145th District.

**Personal Statement:** I have been an educator for ten years. My knowledge and experience will help me to provide leadership and build a vision all can share in.

### Carla Marrazzo

**Address:** 11 Kathryn Dr., Orchard Park

**Children in School:** 2 children in OPCSD

**Education:** BS, Organizational Management - Houghton College; MS Secondary Education - D'Youville College

**Career:** Education Specialist- Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services; Associate Instructor - Bryant & Stratton College

**Community Service:** • Current member of the Orchard Park Central School Board of Education • Current member Eggert Road PTO & Coordinator of Art Festival 2009 • Erie County Association of School Boards • Representative to Legislative Team of ECASB • Member of OPCYC Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee- Keeping Kids Safe program • Safe Homes • 10 years combined in various other community projects including St. John Vianney, Orchard Park Soccer Club and Key Communicators Group

**Personal Statement:** I am honored to have been in service to the district for the past three years. I have been a part of many projects and initiatives during my tenure and am hoping to have the opportunity to continue to work in that capacity. Our current board is well balanced with each member bringing talent and experience to the table.

## Alfred McClymonds

**Address:** 17 Templeton Trail, Orchard Park

**Children in School:** Graduated 1991; Works for Oracle

**Education:** BA - Business Administration, Columbia College; MA Educational Administration, Chapman University; MS Human Resource Management Development, Chapman University

**Career:** 27 years United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Major, Retired; 19 years in education, Teacher and School Administrator, Retired

**Community Service:** • Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools, visiting team • OPCSD Health and Safety Task Force; Coordinator and lead writer for \$275,000 Digital High School Grant • PTSA Auditor; Past President Phi Delta Kappa, Sacramento Chapter • Current President Phi Delta Kappa, Buffalo-South Chapter • Past Commandant Marine Corps League, Southtowns Detachment • Voting Delegate New York State School Board Association Convention • Legislative Team of Erie County Association of School Boards • Budget and Finance team of Erie County Association of School Boards • OPCSD Accountability Committee • OPCSD Impartial Hearing Officer • Voting Delegate Erie County Association of School Board Delegate Assembly • OPCSD Planning Committee • New York State School Board Association Student Health and Safety Task Force • New York State School Board Association Convention Seminar Presenter on Gangs and Gang Suppression and Intervention • OPCSD Health and Safety Committee • OPCSD Code of Conduct Committee • OP Community Task Force on Drug & Alcohol Awareness • OP High School Academy of Finance Advisory Board • Current Orchard Park School Board member.

**Personal Statement:** For the past three years I have had the privilege of serving as an Orchard Park Board of Education Member. I have worked many hours with parents, teachers, students, administrators and members of the community, our taxpayers, to insure that our children receive the highest quality of education in a safe environment. I hope to continue to serve our community and our children as your Board of Education member.

## Donna M. Omar (Bonitati)

**Address:** 5470 Newton Road, Orchard Park

**Children in School:** Madison, 4th grade and Jason, 3rd grade - Ellicott

**Education:** BS, Art Education (K-12) - '94 & BS, Design - ;90, Buffalo State College; Certified Professional Full Time Teacher, '96-'06; Certified Fitness Professional, '85-Present; OP Native, Graduate OPHS - Class of '85/OPMS/Ellicott Elementary

**Career:** Self-employed business owner-operator; Anytime Fitness - '06-Present; Certified Fitness Professional; '85-present (Health & Wellness)

**Community Service:** • Ellicott PTO, Executive Board/Safehomes; '06-Present • Health Awareness Speaker, Ellicott 5th grade; '07-present • Building Effectiveness Team, Ellicott; '06-'07 • OP Little Loop Football, Manager (son's team)/Volunteer; '07-present • Community Health Fair Speaker/Volunteer; '06-present • Community Fundraising Leader/Organizer; '06-present • Volunteer Mom (daughter's dance); costumes/backstage/etc; '06-present

**Personal Statement:** I would be honored to continue my community service serving on the Orchard Park Board of Education. My life experiences as a mother of two small children, volunteer, local business owner, homeowner, taxpayer and former teacher allow me the knowledge to make well educated decisions while maintaining the high standard of education, remaining fiscally responsible and upholding a healthy balance for our students, community and teachers.



# Orchard Park Central School's Report Card Accountability and Overview Report

By Dennis Fitcher  
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Pupil Services

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) began requiring states and school districts to issue annual report cards on school performance with the 2002-03 school year. New York State, however, initiated the practice of reporting out student test scores and graduation rates a few years prior to this mandate. The purpose of publicly releasing student assessment results is to hold school districts accountable for their progress toward meeting and/or exceeding the Learning Standards.

As a result, the New York State Education Department annually reports on the status of schools and districts in making Adequate Yearly Progress, more commonly known as AYP. AYP indicates satisfactory progress toward the goal of proficiency (meeting the learning standards) for all students. Schools and districts that are on track in reaching this goal, as measured against the Effective Annual Measurable Objective, attain the designation of "In Good Standing." This accomplishment becomes more and more difficult because the Effective Annual Measurable Objective is raised incrementally each year by the State. Eventually, all schools must have every student accountability group meet the learning standards by 2013-14.

Our district is proud to report that all student accountability groups and schools have made AYP and received the designation "In Good Standing" for last school year (2007-08). This is a tribute to our teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents. Working together as a team results in outstanding academic student achievement.

The chart to the right details how some of the larger accountability groups and grade levels performed. The complete School Report Card for our schools and district can be found by visiting [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org) and clicking Departments, then Curriculum, then NYS Report Card.

School Accountability 2007-2008						
All Students	Eggert Gr. 3-5	Ellicott Gr. 3-5	S. Davis Gr. 3-5	Windom Gr. 3-5	MS Gr. 6-8	HS
ELA						
Participation*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Performance Index**	193	193	193	177	186	197
Effective AMO+	127	127	125	126	130	159
AYP++	√	√	√	√	√	√
Math						
Participation	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Performance Index	199	198	199	188	191	198
Effective AMO	96	96	94	95	99	153
AYP	√	√	√	√	√	√
Science						
Participation	100%	99%	100%	100%	97%	
Performance Index	200	200	199	192	197	
State Standard	100	100	100	100	100	
AYP	√	√	√	√	√	
Graduates						
All Students						94%
Students w/Disabilities						82%
AYP						√

## Definition of Terms

\*Participation - Schools and districts must have a 95% assessment participation rate in each accountability group of 40 or more students

\*\*Performance Index - This value is calculated by doubling the percentage of students at level 3 and 4 (meeting or exceeding the standards) and adding the percent of students scoring at level 2 (partially meeting the standards). No score is given for students not meeting the standards. The maximum value is 200 for all accountability groups.

+Effective AMO - The annual measurable objective is the performance index value that the school or accountability group must meet or surpass each year. This value incrementally increases each year. This measurable objective varies by subject and with the enrollment of the school. The goal is to have all accountability groups at 200 by the year 2013-14.

++AYP - Adequate Yearly Progress indicates satisfactory progress by accountability groups/school toward the goal of proficiency for all students by comparing the performance index with the effective AMO for the year.

# 2009

EG – Eggert Elementary  
EL – Ellicott Elementary  
SD – South Davis Elementary  
WI – Windom Elementary  
MS – Middle School  
HS – High School

## May

- 7...MS Music In May I, 7 p.m.
- 7-8...MS Grade 8 NYS  
Science Written test
- 7-8...SD/EG/WI Mother's  
Day Plant Sale
- 11...HS PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12...SD Music in May, 7 p.m., MS
- 12...BOE Meeting, 7 p.m.,  
Baker Building
- 13...MS PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 13...MS Music in May II, 7 p.m.
- 14...WI PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14...EL Vocal/Orchestra  
Music in May, 7 p.m.
- 14-21...EG B.O.G.O. Book Fair
- 15...MS Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 15...WI Spruce Up Day
- 15...HS Music In May II, 7 p.m.
- 16...Summer Driver Education  
Registration, 7 a.m., HS  
Community Education Office
- 16-29...Artsplash, HSBC OP  
Village Location
- 18...WI Ice Cream Social/Art Show,  
6-8 p.m.
- 18...HS STAP-COMM  
Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18...MS Music in May III, 7 p.m.
- 19...HS Music in May III, 7 p.m.
- 19...Annual Budget Vote, HS  
Gymnasium, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.**
- 19...BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m., HS**
- 20... EG PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 20...SD Art Show & Ice Cream  
Social, 6:30 p.m.

- 20...EG Vocal/Orchestra Music  
in May, 7 p.m.
- 21...EL Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 21...K-8 Half Day, 6-8,  
10:30 a.m. Dismissal;  
K-5, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal**
- 21...HS Gr. 9-12 Early  
Dismissal, 12:45 p.m.**
- 21...Quaker Athletics Meeting,  
7 p.m., HS Rm. 122B
- 22-25...Memorial Day Recess
- 25...Memorial Day Parade, 9:00 a.m.
- 27...HS Academy of Finance  
Graduation Dinner
- 27...WI/SD Music in May, 7 p.m., HS  
(note change in location)**
- 28...EG/EL Band Music in May,  
7 p.m., MS (note change in  
location)**
- 28...WI/SD Cadet Orchestra and  
Cadet Band Concert, 7 p.m., WI
- 28-29...NYSSMA Majors at OPHS
- 30... Parent Meeting on Drug &  
Alcohol Awareness, 9 a.m.

## June

- 1-3...SD Book Fair
- 2...HS Advanced Placement  
Information Night, 7 p.m.
- 2...MS Grade 8 NYS Social Studies  
test
- 3...Annual Scholarship Concert,  
7 p.m., MS
- 4...HS Underclass Awards  
Night, 7 p.m.
- 5...EL Chicken BBQ
- 5...WI Hot Dog Luncheon
- 5...HS SADD Pre-Prom  
Assembly, 8 a.m.
- 5...HS Senior Class Picnic, 10 a.m.
- 5...MS 8th Grade Party, 7-9 p.m.
- 6...HS Prom, 6 p.m.
- 7...HS Post Prom Party

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## REMINDER

Saturday, May 30, 2009 will be the last Parent Meeting on Drug & Alcohol Awareness scheduled for this school year. If you have a student at the High School who plans to attend the Prom this June, or Homecoming in October, you must attend this meeting as a requirement for their attendance. Please note that the meeting will last one hour and a parent/guardian must attend one meeting over a four-year period to fulfill the requirement prior to the child's attendance at either of the events. For more information, please visit [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org) and click on For Parents under the High School section of the Web site.

## QMB Can & Bottle Drive

The Annual Quaker Marching Band Can & Bottle Drive will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Band members will be in the community to pick up returnable cans & bottles beginning at 9 a.m. Please have your cans & bottles bagged up and outside near your garage by 9 a.m. If it's more convenient, you may drop off your donations of returnable bottles and cans to the Baker Road lot of the High School from 9 a.m. – noon on that day. If you need a pickup prior to June 13, please call 209-6321. No pick up is too big or small!

Any support is appreciated.

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## Resident

### **Orchard Park Central School District Estimated Tax/Star Impact of Typical Home 2009-2010**

	2008	Estimated 2009
Basic STAR Exemption	\$30,000	\$30,000
Enhanced STAR Exemption (for persons over 65, under \$70,650)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Home Value (Orchard Park)	\$100,000	\$100,000
Rate per \$1,000	26.0684	27.3599
<b>Impact before STAR Reduction</b>		
School Property Tax Bill	\$2,607	\$2,736
Increase		\$129
Percentage Increase		4.95%
<b>Impact after Basic STAR Reduction</b>		
School Tax Bill (before STAR)	\$2,607	\$2,736
STAR Reduction (60% equalization rate)	<u>\$454</u>	<u>\$492</u>
NET School Tax Bill:	\$2,153	\$2,244
Increase		\$91
Percentage Increase		4.23%
<b>Impact after Enhanced STAR Reduction (for persons over 65, under \$70,650)</b>		
School Tax Bill (before STAR)	\$2,607	\$2,736
STAR Reduction (60% equalization rate)	<u>\$756</u>	<u>\$821</u>
NET School Tax Bill:	\$1,851	\$1,915
Increase		\$64
Percentage Increase		3.47%

### **Property Tax Report Card 2009-2010**

	Budgeted 2008-09	Budgeted 2009-10	Percent Change
Total Spending	\$73,832,860	\$77,493,662	4.96%
Total School Tax Levy	\$43,322,425	\$45,844,673	5.82%
Public School Enrollment	5,447	5,527	1.47%
Consumer Price Index			3.80%
	Actual 2008-09	Estimated 2009-10	
Reserved Fund Balance	\$2,516,853	\$2,471,013	
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	
Unreserved, Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$1,887,454	\$1,962,612	
Unreserved, Unappropriated Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	2.56%	2.53%	