

# **NORTH TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **THE PROPOSED 2014 - 2015 SCHOOL BUDGET**

**BUDGET HEARING**  
Tuesday, May 13, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

**ANNUAL ELECTION and BUDGET VOTE**  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
12:00 Noon - 9:00 P.M.

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

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**2014-15 GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY of EXPENDITURES**

	<b>BUDGET 2013-14</b>	<b>TENTATIVE BUDGET 2014-15</b>	<b>13-14 BUDGET COMPARED TO TENTATIVE 14-15 BUDGET</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$6,056,672	\$6,324,859	\$268,187
<b>CAPITAL</b>	\$11,051,916	\$11,316,422	\$264,506
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$48,632,168	\$50,782,687	\$2,150,519
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$65,740,756</b>	<b>\$68,423,968</b>	<b>\$2,683,212</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**

<p align="center"><b>SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES</b> Detailed Breakdown attached</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUDGET</b> 2013-14</p>	<p align="center"><b>TENTATIVE</b> <b>BUDGET</b> 2014-15</p>	<p align="center"><b>13-14 BUD</b> <b>COMPARED TO</b> <b>TENTATIVE</b> <b>14-15 BUDGET</b></p>
<p><b>Board of Education:</b> Salary for District Clerk, Clerk and Board Supplies; Board Election and Budget Vote Costs; Memberships in County and State School Board Associations.</p>	<p>\$23,262</p>	<p>\$60,152</p>	<p>\$36,890</p>
<p><b>Chief School Administrator:</b> Salaries for Superintendent and Secretary; Supplies; Travel and Conference Expenses; Consultant Services and Equipment.</p>	<p>\$202,431</p>	<p>\$208,170</p>	<p>\$5,739</p>
<p><b>Finance Administration:</b> Salaries for Assistant Superintendent for Management Services; BOCES; Central Business Office and Tax Audit Expenses; Business Office Supplies and District Equipment.</p>	<p>\$440,940</p>	<p>\$417,640</p>	<p>(\$23,300)</p>
<p><b>Personnel Administration:</b> Salaries for Personnel Administrator; Personnel Office Staff; Public Information Officer; Legal Services; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Expenses for Personnel Office and Records Management.</p>	<p>\$414,119</p>	<p>\$415,867</p>	<p>\$1,748</p>
<p><b>Central Services:</b> BOCES Print Shop and Data Processing Services; Supplies; Equipment and Contractual Expenses and Contractual Expenses for Printing.</p>	<p>\$822,090</p>	<p>\$820,090</p>	<p>(\$2,000)</p>
<p><b>Special Items:</b> District Insurance; certain BOCES Administration; School Assoc. dues; Judgments/Claims and Property tax refunds.</p>	<p>\$803,526</p>	<p>\$811,194</p>	<p>\$7,668</p>
<p><b>Instructional Administration:</b> 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.</p>	<p>\$1,911,183</p>	<p>\$1,912,167</p>	<p>\$984</p>
<p><b>Benefits:</b> Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for Administrative Staff.</p>	<p>\$1,439,121</p>	<p>\$1,679,579</p>	<p>\$240,458</p>
<p align="center"><b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p>			
<p><b>\$6,056,672</b></p>	<p><b>\$6,324,859</b></p>	<p><b>\$268,187</b></p>	

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Component Detail	Budget 13-14	Proposed Budget 14-15
Board of Education	7,568	44,508
District Clerk	5,902	5,902
District Meeting	9,792	9,742
<b>Board of Education Total</b>	<b>23,262</b>	<b>60,152</b>

Office of the Superintendent	202,431	208,170
<b>Chief School Administrator Total</b>	<b>202,431</b>	<b>208,170</b>

Business Administration	200,971	187,557
Auditing Services	173,760	161,574
District Treasurer	5,624	5,630
Tax Collection	5,814	5,814
Purchasing	49,671	51,965
Fiscal Agent Fees	5,100	5,100
<b>Finance Administration Total</b>	<b>440,940</b>	<b>417,640</b>

Personnel	183,703	183,653
Legal Services	180,202	182,000
Public Information & Services	50,214	50,214
<b>Personnel Administration Total</b>	<b>414,119</b>	<b>415,867</b>

Central Printing & Mailing	31,450	29,450
Data Processing	790,640	790,640
<b>Central Services Total</b>	<b>822,090</b>	<b>820,090</b>

Unallocated Insurance	367,200	372,983
School Association Dues	10,200	10,200
BOCES Administrative Costs	354,726	356,611
Judgments / Claims	30,600	30,600
Refund Real Property Tax	40,800	40,800
<b>Special Items Total</b>	<b>803,526</b>	<b>811,194</b>

Curriculum Development & Supervision	244,077	245,502
Supervision - Regular School	1,273,525	1,263,253
Attendance Services	210,317	211,600
Program for Students with Disabilities	183,264	191,812
<b>Instructional Administration Total</b>	<b>1,911,183</b>	<b>1,912,167</b>

Benefits	1,439,121	1,679,579
<b>Employee Benefits Total</b>	<b>1,439,121</b>	<b>1,679,579</b>

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL</b>	<b>6,056,672</b>	<b>6,324,859</b>
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**EXPENDITURES - CAPITAL BUDGET**

<p align="center"><b>SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES</b> Detailed Breakdown attached</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUDGET 2013-14</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>TENTATIVE BUDGET 2014-15</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>13-14 BUDG COMPARED TENTATIVE 14-15 BUDGET</b></p>
<p><b>Buildings &amp; Grounds:</b> Salaries for Custodians and Maintenance Staff; Supplies; Environmental Testing; Equipment and Contractual Costs for Buildings &amp; Grounds.</p>	<p>\$5,354,133</p>	<p>\$5,317,980</p>	<p>(\$36,153)</p>
<p><b>Principal and Interest:</b> Annual Bond Redemption; Interest Costs and Interfund Transfers to Other Funds authorized by voters or Comptroller's Regulations.</p>	<p>\$4,379,448</p>	<p>\$4,564,987</p>	<p>\$185,539</p>
<p><b>Benefits:</b> Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for Custodial, Maintenance and Central Storeroom Staffs.</p>	<p>\$1,318,335</p>	<p>\$1,433,455</p>	<p>\$115,120</p>
<p align="center"><b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b></p>	<p><b>\$11,051,916</b></p>	<p><b>\$11,316,422</b></p>	<p><b>\$264,506</b></p>

<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>
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<b>Component Detail</b>	<b>Budget 13-14</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 14-15</b>
Custodial / Cleaning	4,022,032	3,983,332
Maintenance / Grounds	1,332,101	1,334,648
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Total</b>	<b>5,354,133</b>	<b>5,317,980</b>

Principal Serial Bonds-School Construction/Other	1,443,045	1,290,599
Interest Serial Bonds-School Construction/Other	172,841	121,338
Principal School Construction BANS	2,260,000	2,750,000
Interest School Construction BANS	403,562	353,050
Interfund Transfers-Capital	100,000	50,000
<b>Principal and Interest Payments Total</b>	<b>4,379,448</b>	<b>4,564,987</b>

Benefits	1,318,335	1,433,455
<b>Employee Benefits Total</b>	<b>1,318,335</b>	<b>1,433,455</b>

<b>CAPITAL TOTAL</b>	<b>11,051,916</b>	<b>11,316,422</b>
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**EXPENDITURES - PROGRAM BUDGET**

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<p><u>Teaching - 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.</p>	\$18,514,126	\$18,885,033	\$370,907
<p><u>Special Education:</u> Salaries for Teachers, Assistants and Aides for Pupils with Special Educational needs; Supplies; Equipment; BOCES; Contractual expenses for those programs.</p>	\$10,117,544	\$11,017,858	\$900,314
<p><u>Occupational Education:</u> Salaries; Supplies; Textbooks; Equipment and Contractual Costs for Occupational Education and Summer School Instruction.</p>	\$1,592,865	\$1,464,735	(\$128,130)
<p><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.</p>	\$997,781	\$1,016,322	\$18,541
<p><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).</p>	\$2,643,636	\$2,562,177	(\$81,459)
<p><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.</p>	\$2,762,904	\$2,713,912	(\$48,992)
<p><u>Benefits:</u> Retirement; Social Security; Medical Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life Insurance; Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance for all Instructional Employees and Bus Drivers.</p>	\$11,878,312	\$12,997,650	\$1,119,338
<p><u>Transfers:</u> Interfund Transfers to Special Aid Fund, including District's Share of Summer School Programs for Students with Special Needs.</p>	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$0
<p align="right"><b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b></p>	\$48,632,168	\$50,782,687	\$2,150,519
<p align="right"><b>TOTAL BUDGET</b></p>	\$65,740,756	\$68,423,968	\$2,683,212



## PROGRAM BUDGET

Component Detail	Budget 13-14	Proposed Budget 14-15
In Service Training	167,610	282,610
Teaching	18,346,516	18,602,423
<b>Teaching-Regular School Total</b>	<b>18,514,126</b>	<b>18,885,033</b>

Program for Students with Disabilities	10,117,544	11,017,858
<b>Special Education Total</b>	<b>10,117,544</b>	<b>11,017,858</b>

Occupational Education	1,532,050	1,403,920
Special Schools	60,815	60,815
<b>Occupational Education</b>	<b>1,592,865</b>	<b>1,464,735</b>

School Library & Audio Visual	241,520	257,735
Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI)	756,261	758,587
<b>Instructional Media Total</b>	<b>997,781</b>	<b>1,016,322</b>

Guidance Services	795,097	763,543
Health Services	460,857	458,855
Psychological Services	261,435	191,777
Social Work Services	476,070	472,570
Co-Curricular Activities	137,804	131,999
Interscholastic Sports	512,373	543,433
<b>Pupil Services Total</b>	<b>2,643,636</b>	<b>2,562,177</b>

District Transportation	1,020,875	955,585
Bus Garage	71,514	89,465
Contract Transportation	1,670,515	1,668,862
<b>Transportation Total</b>	<b>2,762,904</b>	<b>2,713,912</b>

Benefits	11,878,312	12,997,650
<b>Employee Benefits Total</b>	<b>11,878,312</b>	<b>12,997,650</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>48,632,168</b>	<b>50,782,687</b>
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<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>65,740,756</b>	<b>68,423,968</b>
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## SUMMARY of REVENUES

	REVENUES 2013-14	ESTIMATED REVENUES 2014-15	13-14 REVENUES COMPARED TO ESTIMATED 14-15 REVENUES
<b>STATE / FEDERAL AID:</b> Represents the largest portion of revenue for the District. In the 2014-15 school year, it is projected to be 49.79% of all revenue. Last year, it was 49.4%. This year, the aid increased by \$1,591,806.	\$32,473,889	\$34,065,695	\$1,591,806
<b>OTHER INCOME:</b> 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. This year, revenues include the Board of Education's adoption of the stable contribution rate for the Teacher Retirement System. This increased revenues in this category by \$675,000.	\$1,674,267	\$2,262,836	\$588,569
<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.	\$4,757,385	\$4,757,385	\$0
<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.			
<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 2014-15 school year, it is anticipated that there will be an increase of 1.87% in the tax levy set by the Board of Education. This amount stays within the legislation that enacted the Tax Cap threshold.	\$26,835,215	\$27,338,052	\$502,837
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$65,740,756</b>	<b>\$68,423,968</b>	<b>\$2,683,212</b>

**PROPOSITION #2  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to sell for \$412,000 the Administration Building, along with any adjacent real property owned by the District, located at 175 Humphrey Street in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, to Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #3  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$525,000 Gilmore Elementary School, along with any adjacent real property owned by the District, located at 789 Gilmore Avenue in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #4  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$675,000 Grant Elementary School, along with any adjacent real property owned by the District, located at 25 Grant Street in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #5  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$310,000 the parcel of real property owned by the District, located at 1000 Wright Avenue in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #6  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$79,900 the parcel of real property owned by the District, located at 339 Zimmerman Street in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

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:

\$152,373      **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)

\$ 59,222      **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.

\$ 26,711      Mandatory TRS Contribution @ 17.53% of salary

\$ 16,253      Family Health/Dental/Vision Plan

\$ 16,258      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.

\$ 31,397      **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

\$ 22,540	Family Health/Dental/Vision Plan
\$ 8,857	Required Social Security and Medicare Contribution, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Memberships

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

\$121,064      **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)

\$ 51,893      **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.

\$ 21,223	Mandatory TRS Contribution @ 17.53% of salary
\$ 17,753	Single Health/Dental/Vision Plan and Life Insurance
\$ 12,917	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 \$128,000 or more in salary during the 2014-15 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/mgtserv/propertytax/taxcap/> for additional guidance.

Form Due - April 26, 2014

School District Contact Person:   
School District Telephone Number:

	Budgeted 2013-14 (A)	Proposed Budget 2014-15 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Proposed Spending	<input type="text" value="65,740,756"/>	<input type="text" value="68,423,968"/>	<input type="text" value="4.08"/> %
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Tax Levy to Support Library Debt <sup>1</sup>	<input type="text" value="26,835,215"/>	<input type="text" value="27,338,052"/>	<input type="text" value="1.87"/> %
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	<input type="text" value="580,123"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	<input type="text" value="26,835,215"/>	<input type="text" value="27,338,052"/>	
School Tax Levy Limit <sup>2</sup>	<input type="text" value="26,851,711"/>	<input type="text" value="27,356,720"/>	
Difference (positive value requires 60.0% voter approval)	<input type="text" value="-16,496"/>	<input type="text" value="-18,668"/>	
Public School Enrollment	<input type="text" value="3,677"/>	<input type="text" value="3,580"/>	<input type="text" value="-2.64"/> %
Consumer Price Index			<input type="text" value="1.46"/> %

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

<sup>2</sup> For 2014-15, includes any carryover from 2013-14 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2013-14 (D)	Estimated 2014-15 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	<input type="text" value="10,782,030"/>	<input type="text" value="10,827,844"/>
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	<input type="text" value="4,757,385"/>	<input type="text" value="4,757,385"/>
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	<input type="text" value="1,909,094"/>	<input type="text" value="403,066"/>
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	<input type="text" value="2.90"/> %	<input type="text" value="0.59"/> %

Equalized Total Assessed Value 1,469,457,202

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted
12100	NYS - GENERALLY	RPTL 404(1)	21	1,953,299	0.13
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)	106	43,978,705	2.99
13500	TOWN - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	2	2,680	0.00
13800	SCHOOL DISTRICT	RPTL 408	15	38,195,052	2.60
14100	USA - GENERALLY	RPTL 400(1)	2	458,763	0.03
18020	MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEV AGENC	RPTL 412-a	16	12,232,577	0.83
21600	RES OF CLERGY - RELIG CORP OWN	RPTL 462	8	862,062	0.06
25110	NONPROF CORP - RELIG(CONST PRI	RPTL 420-a	46	23,253,402	1.58
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 IM	RPTL 420-a	11	2,477,629	0.17
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	1,564,536	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)	36	52,722	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)	213	10,119,541	0.69
41123	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-NON-COMI	RPTL 458-a	957	14,033,487	0.96
41133	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-COMBAT	RPTL 458-a	859	20,826,680	1.42
41143	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-DISABILI	RPTL 458-a	200	5,097,267	0.35
41153	COLD WAR VETERANS (10%)	RPTL 458-b	139	553,945	0.04

Equalized Total Assessed Value 1,469,457,202

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	8	105,455	0.01
41300	PARAPLEGIC VETS	RPTL 458(3)	6	1,170,000	0.08
41400	CLERGY	RPTL 460	17	26,289	0.00
41800	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	83	3,118,956	0.21
41801	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	2	95,309	0.01
41803	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	3	71,285	0.00
41806	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	225	5,098,873	0.35
41900	PHYSICALLY DISABLED	RPTL 459	12	195,175	0.01
41931	DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOM	RPTL 459-c	28	984,745	0.07
41933	DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOM	RPTL 459-c	36	973,839	0.07
44113	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS - NEW CC	RPTL 457	10	415,639	0.03
44213	HOME IMPROVEMENTS	RPTL 421-f	238	1,962,609	0.13
47610	BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROPERTY	RPTL 485-b	48	3,413,523	0.23
48670	REDEVELOPMENT HOUSING CO	P H F I L 125 & 127	1	815,464	0.06
49530	INDUSTRIAL WASTE TREATMENT FAC	RPTL 477	1	392,784	0.03
Total Exemptions Exclusive of System Exemptions:			3,422	234,447,137	15.95
Total System Exemptions:			0	0	0.00
Totals:			3,422	234,447,137	15.95

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  
2014 - 2015**

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North Tonawanda, NY**

## 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.

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 2011 - 12 school year.

This School District	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$33,748,760	\$15,973,332
Pupils	3,802	652
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,877	\$24,499
Similar District Group (Average Need/Resource Capacity)	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$8,266,153,234	\$3,167,391,005
Pupils	785,995	108,241
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,517	\$29,262
All School Districts	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$31,088,294,986	\$12,418,610,168
Pupils	2,676,495	411,123
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,615	\$30,207

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 2011-12 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
\$16,430	\$19,290	\$20,906

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 (2012 - 13)

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 Regular Classroom)	This School District		Similar District Group (Average Need/Resource Capacity)	NY State
	Number of Students	Percent of Students	Percent of Students	Percent of Students
80% or more	222	34.9%	57.7%	57.8%
40% - 79%	226	35.5%	18.8%	11.7%
Less than 40%	132	20.7%	16.9%	21.4%
Separate Settings	39	6.1%	4.1%	6.2%
Other Settings	18	2.8%	2.5%	2.9%

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 3, 2012. 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
16.2%	12.1%	13.1%

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 [NRC capacity categories page](#).



## Budget Vote and Board Election - Tuesday, May 20, noon - 9 p.m. Alumni Student Activity Center, 405 Meadow Drive

### Budget Message from Superintendent Woytila

Each year it seems like the process gets harder and harder to maintain programs for the children of North Tonawanda while keeping cost and taxes down. This year the State did a few things to help with that.

First, they allocated funds to help schools who have been operating with less for years by restoring funds to the GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment). This helped most school districts get back to a funding level from the state that they took away five years ago.

Second, the Governor has proposed language that rebates money to the tax payers if their school district can create a budget at or below the tax cap. North Tonawanda has worked hard to stay at or below this cap since it was put into effect four years ago. The current Board worked hard to maintain quality programs and to trim in other areas to stay below the tax cap. This means that the 1.87% proposed tax increase will be refunded to residents from the state. They are planning on sending rebate checks to residents this fall.

The school vote this year will also include a proposition to get approval from the residents to sell the Administration Building on Humphrey Street. If sold the current employees will be moved into different district buildings this summer. An organization named Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled has put in an offer on the building. They provide services to Niagara County residents who are disabled and in need of help to provide or obtain services. In addition there will be propositions to sell other buildings and land. These propositions give approval to sell these assets at or above the appraised value.

Please visit our website at [www.ntschoools.org](http://www.ntschoools.org) to get more information about the budget and all the great things happening in North Tonawanda Schools.

### Message from Board President, Kevin LoCicero

The last several years have been extremely painful as programs were cut due to the imbalance of expenses to revenue. This year's priority was to maintain our current level of services, program offerings and athletics. The board tasked our administrators to achieve these goals.

The Board, administrators and staff must reflect on what our priorities are for the district and our students, not only how our schools are performing today but what we would like to accomplish in the future.

Many difficult decisions are made at this time each year in order to maintain the integrity of our programs while dealing with the financial realities before us. The Board of Education members and district employees have worked diligently to provide a budget that meets our goals and is fiscally responsible to the tax payers of North Tonawanda. The Board of Education believes that the budget this year allows us to continue to offer excellent academic programs for all children in North Tonawanda. I applaud each and every one of the Board members for donating their countless hours of time in order to make the North Tonawanda City school District second to NONE!

### Algebra 1/ELA Common Core Regents Examinations



On Tuesday, June 3, 2014, only high school students who are scheduled to take the Algebra 1 Common Core Regents examination and/or the ELA

Common Core Regents examination are required to be in attendance. High school students who are not involved with either of these examinations need not report to school on June 3, 2014.





## Meadow Faculty has Olympic Spirit!

To coincide with the Winter Olympics held in Sochi, the Meadow School faculty staged its own "Teacher Olympics." For a modest admission charge, students and parents

were treated to an evening of fun and good sportsmanship. Staff members invited students to participate with them in events such

as hula-hooping and making teachers into mummies with toilet paper. All money raised was donated to the Meadow Home School Association to help fund field trips and special events. Meadow's sixth graders were invited to sell concessions to help offset the cost of their fun day at the end of the year. All in attendance had a great time!



## School Nursing in Perspective

School nurses are responsible for assessment, intervention and evaluation of a student's health needs. More students with chronic conditions such as asthma, epilepsy, diabetes and congenital birth defects are attending public schools. As a result these students require educated nursing services. Services can include using nebulizers, insulin pumps and pods, feeding tubes and oxygen. In addition, nurses are required to give medications, do treatments, monitor medical conditions as prescribed by a physician; render first aid, conduct screenings related to vision, hearing and scoliosis, write emergency care plans and many more tasks.

A student's health status is directly related to his or her ability to learn. Children with unmet health needs have difficulty with attendance and the learning process. School nursing began in the United States in 1902 to help reduce absenteeism. School nurses today are still challenged by the same basic problem as the early nurses, maintaining healthy children in school.

The school nurse collaborates with the parent/guardian, physician and school staff to promote the health and well-being of each student. Healthy children are successful learners. The North Tonawanda School district nursing staff is composed of eight registered nurses who provide the students and staff with excellent health care and a healthy school environment.



## Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler!

The Second Annual International Dinner was hosted by the LOTE Department on Mardi Gras, March 4. Laughter and smiles were as abundant as the good eats which lined the cafeteria. Nearly two hundred members of the middle school community sampled delicious ethnic dishes, representing cuisines from a number of countries around the world. The feast included everything from homemade pierogi, Asian stir fry, Italian pasta dishes, Spanish rice to Moroccan chickpea soup.

The dessert table was filled with so many delectable choices that frequent return visitors could not sample them all. To the delight of everyone, professional cake maker, Ms. Rivera shared a show-stopping purple, yellow, and green cake covered in fondant. The luscious cake was adorned with beads and an elegant Mardi Gras mask.

The piñata and Mardi Gras mask contests produced several dazzling entries. Emoni Leonard, Clarice Scarpace, and Chloe Silvashy were winners of the Mardi Gras mask contest. The piñata contest winners were Olivia Hooley and Madeline Colley. The Horn family took home the door prize, a bag of groceries from Trader Joe's.

The LOTE Department would like to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone who brought a dish or dessert to the dinner. We were honored that so many of the NTMS students participated in the International Dinner. We would also like to thank the Academy of International Studies for outstanding service. It is always a pleasure to talk to former students and hear about what they have been up to since they left us. We wouldn't have had our success had it not been for the support of our local businesses: McDonalds, Tim Hortons, Trader Joe's, Walmart, and Wegmans. Finally, a big thank you goes out to the NTMS staff and principal, Lisa Colburn, for their continued support of LOTE.



**Celebration of Learning**

Students in Mrs. Lundgren's class at Meadow Elementary celebrated their recent achievements on the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA). Students have been working hard to improve their reading, writing, and math skills in accordance with the new Common Core Curriculum. Recently, Mrs. Lundgren's fourth and fifth graders took time to view their assessment binders. These binders showcase each student's progress from October to February.

Each student was able to look through their binder and write down one achievement that they were particularly proud of. It was amazing to see how excited students were upon seeing their progress. After looking at her binder, one fourth grade student smiled and said, "I feel so proud!" This experience



was a true testament to how important it is to make students an active part of the learning process.

**Board of Education Candidates**

Information on Board of Education candidates can be found on the district website, [www.nts.schools.org](http://www.nts.schools.org). Voters will elect two board members.

**Thomas Hewitt Sports Awards Dinner & Scholarship Program**

The Thomas Hewitt Sports Awards, recognizing area high school male and female scholar-athletes, were presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner and Scholarship Program on Sunday, May 4, at Niagara County Community College. Nine schools were invited to participate in the program. North Tonawanda was represented by seniors Brandon Lavocat and Gretchen Ringler.

**Immunization Regulation Revisions**

New York State Department of Health has revised the regulations regarding immunization requirements for school attendance effective July 1, 2014. The new dosing requirements are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

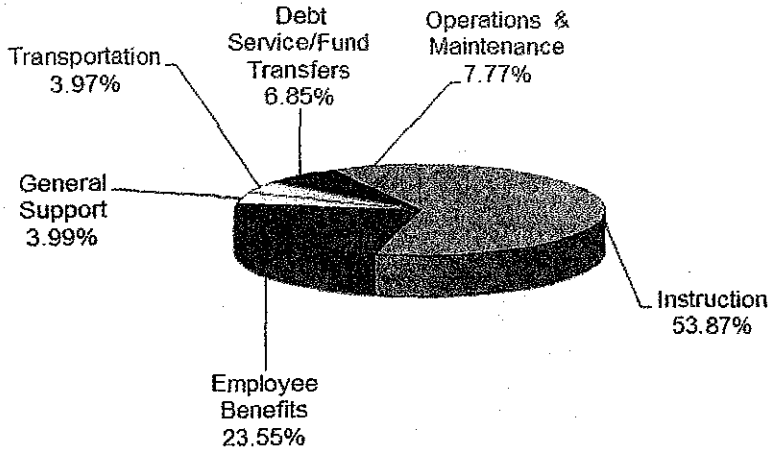
A chart summarizing these new requirements for the 2014-2015 school year is available at <http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>.

The Office of Student Support Services, within the Department, is in the process of updating the *Immunization Guidelines for Schools* to accurately reflect these changes. Until the guidelines become available we would like to take this opportunity to highlight changes below:

- Students entering kindergarten or sixth grade in the 2014-2015 school year will now be required to have two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine and three to four doses of poliomyelitis vaccine. All other students will be able to attend school this year with one dose of varicella and three doses of poliomyelitis. This new requirement will apply to all 2014-2015 incoming kindergarten and sixth grade students, along with the subsequent grade levels that the 2014-2015 kindergarten and sixth grade students move up to.
- Students in grades pre-K or K through six will be required to have age-appropriate doses of DPT or DTaP, in accordance with the ACIP schedule.
- Two doses of MMR are no longer required for entrance into kindergarten, though students must have two doses by age seven.
- A student who is in process is defined as one who has had the first dose of all required immunization series and has appointments to complete the series in accordance with the ACIP catch up schedule. See <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>. A student who is in process must be allowed to attend school.
- Students may present proof of immunity by serology (blood test) to the following immunizations: measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella, and poliomyelitis.
- Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually. The written exemption must identify the immunization exempted, the medical contraindication for the exemption, and the length of time immunization is contraindicated. A sample medical exemption form is available at <http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/>.



# EXPENDITURES



## PROPOSITION #1 VOTE ON BUDGET

Shall the proposed budget of Expenditures of the North Tonawanda City School District for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$68,423,968 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.

YES

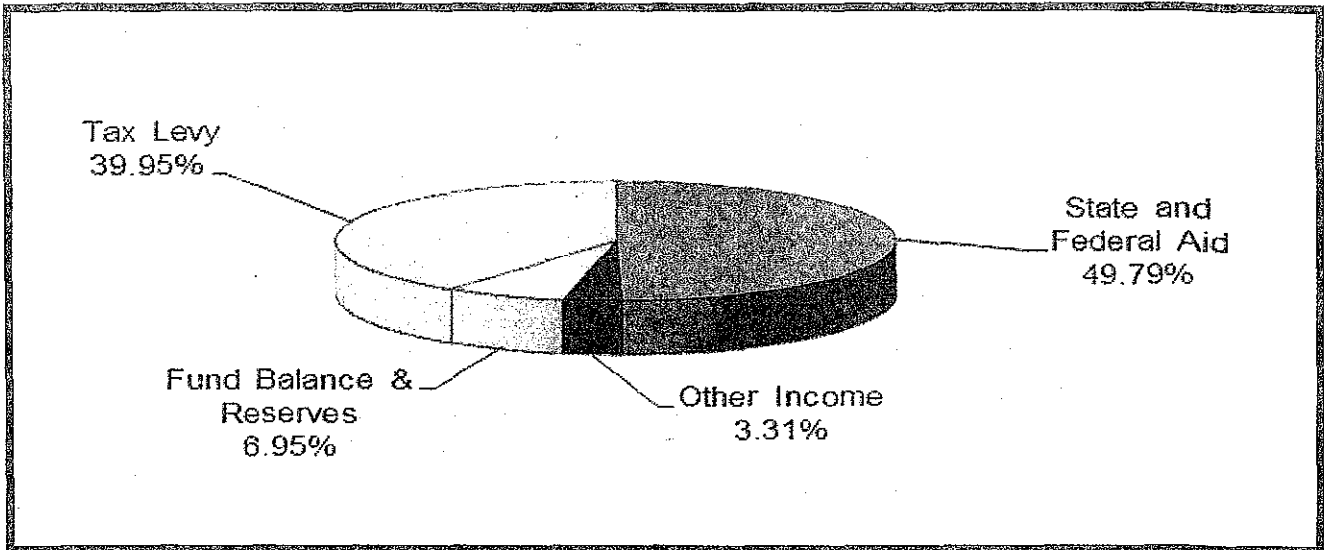
NO

	2013-14	2014-15	Percent Change from 2013-14
<b>Instruction</b>	\$35,777,135	\$36,858,292	3.02%
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>	\$14,635,768	\$16,110,684	10.08%
Includes: Employee retirement systems, health insurance, unemployment insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.			
<b>General Support</b>	\$2,706,368	\$2,733,113	0.99%
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>	\$2,762,904	\$2,713,912	-1.77%
Includes: Transportation to public and non-public schools, vocational schools, educational field and athletic trips and transportation of special education children.			
<b>Debt Service/Fund Transfers</b>	\$4,504,448	\$4,689,987	4.12%
Includes: Principal and interest payments on debt for district building reconstruction projects and energy conservation projects. Also, the District's share of special education summer programs and paid to district facilities which maximizes State Aid.			
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$5,354,133	\$5,317,980	-0.68%
Includes: Maintenance of district facilities, custodial services and utility costs.			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$65,740,756	\$68,423,968	4.08%





**REVENUES**



	2013-14	2014-15	Change from 2013-14
<b>State/Federal Aid</b>	\$32,473,889	\$34,065,695	\$1,591,806

State/Federal Aid represents the largest portion of revenue for the District. In the 2014-15 school year, it is projected to be 49.79% of all revenue. Last year it was 49.4%. This year, the aid increased by \$1,591,806.

<b>Other Income</b>	\$1,674,267	\$2,262,836	\$588,569
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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 receipt. This year, revenues include the Board of Education's adoption of the stable contribution rate for the Teacher Retirement System. This increased revenues in this category by \$675,000.

<b>Reserves/Fund Balance</b>	\$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.

**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.

<b>Tax Levy</b>	\$26,835,215	\$27,338,052	\$502,837
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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 2014-15 school year, it is anticipated that there will be an increase of 1.87% in the tax levy set by the Board of Education. This amount stays within the legislation that enacted the Tax Cap threshold.

<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	\$65,740,756	\$68,423,968	\$2,683,212
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## North Tonawanda City School District Budget Notice

## Overall Budget Proposal

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2013-14 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2014-15 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2014-15 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not including Separate Propositions	\$65,740,756	\$68,423,968	\$67,921,131
Increase/decrease for the 2014-2015 School Year		\$2,683,212	\$2,180,375
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		4.08%	3.32%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.46%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable.	\$26,835,215	\$27,338,052	\$26,835,215
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$580,123	\$-0-	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt.	\$26,835,215	\$27,338,052	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions.	\$26,851,711	\$27,356,720	
Difference: A-B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval— See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$(16,496)	\$(18,668)	
Administrative Component	\$6,056,672	\$6,324,859	\$6,271,857
Program Component	\$48,632,168	\$50,782,687	\$50,360,444
Capital Component	\$11,051,916	\$11,316,422	\$11,288,830

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2014-15 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 repairs and contingent expenses.

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
Sale of property located at 175 Humphrey Street	\$412,000
Sale of property located at 789 Gilmore Avenue	\$525,000
Sale of property located at 25 Grant Street	\$675,000
Sale of property located at 1000 Wright Avenue	\$310,000
Sale of property located at 339 Zimmerman Street	\$ 79,900

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2014-15 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$636.27

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2014-2015 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 20, 2014 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 pm, 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.



**PROPOSITION #2  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to sell for \$412,000 the Administration Building, along with any adjacent real property owned by the District, located at 175 Humphrey Street in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, to Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #3  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$525,000 Gilmore Elementary School, along with any adjacent real property owned by the District, located at 789 Gilmore Avenue in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #4  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$675,000 Grant Elementary School, along with any adjacent real property owned by the District, located at 25 Grant Street in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #5  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$310,000 the parcel of real property owned by the District, located at 1000 Wright Avenue in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

**PROPOSITION #6  
SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Tonawanda City School District (the "District") be authorized to offer for sale at \$79,900 the parcel of real property owned by the District, located at 339 Zimmerman Street in the City of North Tonawanda, New York, with the stipulation that the District will not accept any offer below the appraised value.

YES

NO

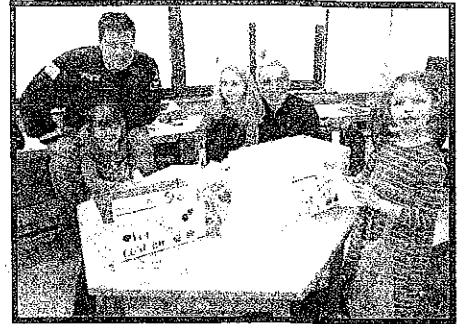


## CONGRATULATIONS 2014 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

North Tonawanda competed in the 2014 Science Olympiad contest held on Feb. 1. The purpose of this non-profit organization is dedicated to encourage interest in science, technology, engineering and math. Canisius College sponsored the event for the third time for Regional Competition. Each team is limited to fifteen students and must enter twenty events out of a possible twenty-five offered. The types of contests include building projects constructed before arriving at the event, laboratory contests done on site, and study matches performed at the contest. All events are made up of two or three students working together and include all sciences. NT was up against thirty-five other teams this year. Seven of NT's teams medaled and finished in the middle of the pack overall. It is very competitive with many private schools and top Western New York schools involved. Medals were received by Matthew and Tyler Slominski - "Circuits Lab", James Conti and Isaac Gifford - "Compound Machines", Michael Carroll and Nathan Proefrock - "Scrambler", Jarod Harack and Destiny Steele - "Bungee Drop" and Kyle Bortz and Isaac Gifford - "Elastic Launch Glider". Two teams medaled in "Mission Possible", which was definitely the most difficult competition. The teams consisted of the Red Team, Kyle Bortz and Steven Sass and the Blue Team, Marissa Mattice and Jeslyn Zakes. The Science Olympiad is an amazing opportunity for students to do research, learn, and problem solve in all areas of science. It is much more than what is taught in the classroom and those students involved in it see the value of what they are trying to accomplish.

## Entrepreneur Day

Children in Mrs. Dexheimer's Kindergarten class were busy buying and selling goods along with reinforcing the recognition and value of the penny, nickel and dime. Children needed to make sure that they were giving and receiving the correct coin, handing out receipts to their customers and doing their paperwork when business was slow. Each student invited their father or special guest to be their business partner and to spend the afternoon. There was a wide variety of items being sold such as pencils, erasers, harmonicas, candy and bake goods. It was a fun day of learning! Pictured left to right are:



Michael Phelps with his daughter, Autumn Phelps, Ralph Sasso with his daughter, Olivia Sasso and shopper, Natalie Wulfig.

## North Tonawanda Educator Chosen as an AP Exam Reader

For the second year in a row, Mr. Brett M. Sommer, Social Studies teacher at North Tonawanda High School, was selected to participate in the College Board's Annual Advanced Placement (AP) Reading in European History.

Each June, AP teachers and college faculty members from around the world gather in the United States to evaluate and score the free-response sections of the AP Exams. Mr. Sommer will participate in the reading taking place in Kansas City.

AP Readers are high school and college educators who represent many of the finest academic institutions in the world. The AP Reading is a unique forum in which an academic dialogue between educators is both fostered and encouraged.

"The Reading draws upon the talents of some of the finest teachers and professors that the world has to offer," said Trevor Packer, senior vice president, AP and College Readiness at the College Board. "It fosters professionalism, allows for the exchange of ideas, and strengthens the commitment to students and to teaching. We are very grateful for the contributions of talented educators like Mr. Sommer."

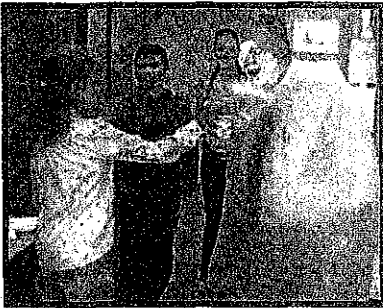
The Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies (with the opportunity to earn college credit), advanced placement or both, while still in high school. Through AP courses in 34 subjects, each culminating in a rigorous exam, students learn to think critically, construct solid arguments, and see many sides of an issue – skills that prepare them for college and beyond. Research indicates that students who score a three or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree than non-AP students.

Mr. Sommer, who holds a B.A. in History from Arizona State University as well as an M.S. in Education from D'Youville College, has been a teacher at North Tonawanda High School since 2001 and has taught Advanced Placement European History for eight years.



**NTMS Students Participate in Pi Week Activities**

On March 14, the Math Department and students at NTMS participated in various Pi Week activities. Mathematicians celebrate Pi Day on March 14 of each year, since the first few digits of Pi make 3.14 or 3<sup>rd</sup> month and 14<sup>th</sup> day. Leonhardt Euler popularized Pi in 1737 as the Greek letter,  $\pi$ , as found in the Encyclopedia Britannica. The approximate value for Pi is 3.14 and can be found by dividing the distance around a circle (circumference) by the distance across the circle through the center (diameter).



Emails, texts, and reminders were sent home to parents asking for their favorite recipes to share in the first NTMS Pi Recipe Book. Students were asked to participate by designing a cover for the book that reflects pies, Pi, and art. Students who sent in designs included Elizabeth Roth (8D), Trinity Jopp (8E), and Rebekah VerHague (8E).

Students were given approximately one week to memorize as many digits of Pi as they possibly could. On Pi Day, students throughout NTMS recited these digits to their math teachers. Several seventh graders were able to recite 80-100 digits, but the winners of the competition were in the eighth grade. Leah Manth and Brandon Tran won from Team 8E and 8D, respectively. Leah recited 328 consecutive, correct digits of Pi. Brandon came in second with 265 digits recited. Their reward was to Pie their math teachers. Mrs. Boyko, Mr. Bush, Mrs. Sturgeon, and Mrs. Watson all graciously allowed the students the pleasure of smashing in their faces.



"Come to the Dork Side, We Have Pi" was the theme of the Pi Day shirts this year. Mr. Bush collected t-shirts from teachers and students and had shirts made so they could show their celebration of Pi on March 14.

**Niagara County Elementary Chorus**

North Tonawanda was well represented in the 2014 Niagara County Elementary Chorus hosted at Barker Central Schools. The chorus is a select group composed of dedicated and talented students from elementary schools across Niagara County. This year the chorus was conducted by our own Virginia Simoncelli, vocal music teacher at Meadow Elementary.



The students brought great pride to the music department and district with their preparation and professionalism. Members included Drake Elementary students Hayden St. Cyr, Elizabeth Scott, Jessa Krull, Alyssa Dolan, Kiria Gonka; Meadow Elementary students Shay Brosius, Isabel Deschamps, Emily Ford, Kacie Guerra, Nora Klipfel, Rachel Marillo, Katrina Russell, Paige Walsh; Ohio Elementary students Gia Grant, Emily Mueller, Kirsten Ferree; Spruce Elementary students Sophia Scime, Megan Orrange, Samantha Koeth, Giovanna Fortuato, Isabella Markarian, and Emily Russell.

**Drake School Supports SPCA**

During Kindness month at Drake School, Officer Bob from the Niagara County SPCA discussed respect and kindness toward our furry friends. The staff, students and families of

Drake School collected \$545, ten large boxes of supplies, numerous towels and 130 pounds of cat litter to help support the SPCA.



**Art News!**

At Ohio School, the students have been getting a lot of attention for their amazing sculptural work. The driving force for these projects was the popular concept of "recycle and reuse". The idea of turning junk into beautiful works of art made a lot of sense and came quite naturally to them.

They created projects like sculpture parks for their pet ants, tin



can magnetic robots, and Alexander Calder like mobiles. World famous glass artist Dale Chihuly inspired the fifth and sixth graders who designed a ten foot tall hanging "chandelier" and glass like "sea forms". The Ohio students have taken the art world by storm this year!!! (no pun intended)-:



## Academy of Engineering and Architecture Students Perform Well In 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridge Design Competition



The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ABATE Balsa Wood Bridge Competition was held at Classic V Restaurant in Amherst. This is an annual event for high school students in the Buffalo area sponsored by local Engineering companies. A record number of schools participated in this year's event with 74 bridges being tested. North Tonawanda had 44 students in grades nine through twelve pack up their 18" long balsa wood bridges and compete against the other 54 bridges as well as their classmates. Some of the local schools participating were JFK, East Aurora, Pioneer, Williamsville East, St. Joes, Lake Shore, and the GOW. Most of the students worked in groups of three or four per bridge. The balsa wood bridges varied in design from very light "spaghetti" bridges to heavy beam styled structures. North Tonawanda seniors Ethan Farkas, Dan Gazdovich, Steve Becker and Mike Carrolls' 144 pound carrying beam bridge took fifth place in the competition, only missing third place by .9. The scores of each bridge are determined by an efficiency rating of how much it holds to how much the bridge weighs along with a complexity, engineering and craftsmanship score. Overall NT had four bridges in the top ten and 12 groups in the top 25.

### 2013-2014 Winter Sports Individual Honors

#### Boys Varsity Indoor Track

Christopher Manth, Kyle Brady, Cody Sikora & Samuel Weglarski/Section 6/Boys 4 X 400 Relay/4<sup>th</sup> Place Finish/NYSPHSAA State Qualifier

#### Girls Varsity Indoor Track

Kelly Nichols/600 meter run/NYSPHSAA State Qualifier

#### Boys Varsity Basketball

Joseph Piotrowski/2<sup>nd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star  
 Michael Awad/2<sup>nd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star  
 Christopher Woodard/2<sup>nd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star  
 Nehemiah Stone/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star

#### Girls Varsity Basketball

Elizabeth Wildt/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star

#### Boys Varsity Wrestling

Troy Keller/1<sup>st</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star, Section 6 Class Champion & NYSPHSAA State Qualifier finished in top eight at NYSPHSAA tournament

#### Boys Varsity Bowling

Kyle Behr/1<sup>st</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star, All-Section 6 First Team All-Star, School Record 845 High Series and NYSPHSAA State qualifier.

Dillon Snopkowski/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star

#### Girls Varsity Bowling

Cassidy Powers/1<sup>st</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star, All-Section 6 First Team All-Star, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at Section 6 Tournament and 8<sup>th</sup> Place finish at NYSPHSAA State Championships

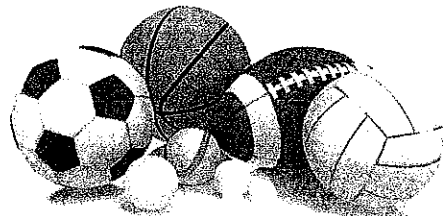
Abbey Kieffer/2<sup>nd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star  
 Haylee Sutton/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star  
 Rebecca Conlan/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star  
 Bridgette Enright/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Niagara Frontier League All-Star

#### Boys Ice Hockey

Kyle Painter/1<sup>st</sup> Team Section 6 All-Federation All-Star  
 Martin Clarke/1<sup>st</sup> Team Section 6 Division 3 All-Star  
 Samuel Rydzewski/1<sup>st</sup> Team Section 6 Division 3 All-Star  
 Brandon Lavocat/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Section 6 Division 3 All Star  
 Griffin Sparatorico/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Section 6 Division 3 All Star  
 Kyle Crook /3<sup>rd</sup> Team Section 6 Division 3 All Star  
 Curtis Vivian/3<sup>rd</sup> Team Section 6 Division 3 All Star

#### Boys Swimming & Diving

Nicolas Mallone/4<sup>th</sup> Place 50 Freestyle Niagara Frontier League, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 100 Freestyle Niagara Frontier League, 6<sup>th</sup> Place 50 Freestyle Class A Meet, 5<sup>th</sup> Place 100 Freestyle Class A Meet, 7<sup>th</sup> Place 50 Freestyle Section 6 Meet, and 10<sup>th</sup> Place 100 Freestyle Section 6 Meet.  
 Derrick Szpaicher/3<sup>rd</sup> Place Diving Niagara Frontier League, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Diving Class A Meet, and 12<sup>th</sup> Place Diving Section 6 Meet.





### Varsity Bowlers have Outstanding Season

North Tonawanda's Varsity Bowling teams both had strong seasons, each finishing second in the always tough Niagara Frontier League.

The Lady Jacks finished with 12 wins and two losses, beating everyone except Niagara Falls, the eventual league and Section VI Champions. Seniors Rebecca Conlan, Abbey Kieffer and Cassidy Powers were Captains of the team which also consisted of Whitney Werth, Bridgette Enright, Haylee Sutton, Jessica Sass, Samantha Michlin and Jordan Johnson.

Junior Kyle Behr was the only returning starter and thus the Captain of the Lumberjack boys squad. Despite having an inexperienced line-up, the Jacks finished surprisingly with 11 wins and three losses. Dillon Snopkowski, Antonio LaBarbera, David Werth, Hunter Bolam, Nick Cook, Joshua Hojnowski, Jarod Powers and Eli Williams rounded out the team. Season highlights included a school record 845 series by Kyle Behr,

which included games of 298, 299 and 248. Dillon Snopkowski rolled a 717, his first 700 to lead NT over Niagara Falls. Cassidy Powers led the girls with a 192 average and 716 series. Rebecca Conlan had a 255-687 and Abbey Kieffer a 286-684. Behr and Powers were both second at the Section VI Championships, earning a trip to States on Long Island. Kyle and the Section VI Boys All-Section Team finished seventh, while Cassidy led the Section VI girls to a second place finish. The girls were fifth with one game to go when Cassidy came up big. She finished with five consecutive strikes for a 234, lifting Section VI's girls to the Silver Medal. It was a fitting finish to Cassidy's fine bowling career at NTMS.

### Winter 2013-2014 NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

#### SECTION VI ADPRO ALL-WNY SCHOLAR ATHLETE WINTER 2013-2014

Cassidy Powers	Varsity Girls Bowling	Winner
Gretchen Ringler	Varsity Girls Basketball	Winner
Courtney Crooks	Varsity Girls Indoor Track	Winner
Brandon Lavocat	Varsity Boys Ice Hockey	Winner
Steven Becker	Varsity Boys Ice Hockey	Honorable Mention
Austin Glick	Varsity Boys Indoor Track	Honorable Mention
Christian Lemke	Varsity Boys Basketball	Honorable Mention
Jonathan Bauerline	Varsity Boys Swimming & Diving	Honorable Mention

#### Criteria for the Individual Award

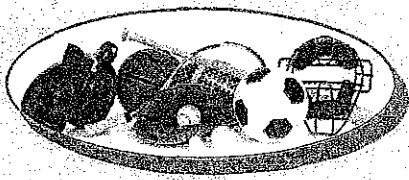
- Student must have an overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters (fall, winter) and seven semesters (spring)
- Student must be a starter or important reserve
- Seniors only

#### NYSPHSAA, Inc. Scholar/Athlete Team 2013-2014 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 2013 fall award winners are the following:

Girls Varsity Basketball	90.517
Boys Varsity Basketball	92.683
Boys Varsity Ice Hockey	94.849
Boys Varsity Wrestling	91.768
Girls Varsity Indoor Track	93.697
Boys Varsity Indoor Track	94.127
Girls Varsity Bowling	92.649
Boys Varsity Swimming & Diving	91.657



North Tonawanda had eight out of nine varsity teams qualify for this year's 2013 Fall Scholar Athlete Team Awards.

#### NTMS Health Fair 5K Run and Family Fun Walk

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the 2014 NTMS Health 5k and Family Fun Walk a huge success.

On Saturday, April 5, there were over 370 runners that came out to brave the cold at North Tonawanda Middle School. It is always great to see the community and the students have some fun, all while working on their physical fitness.

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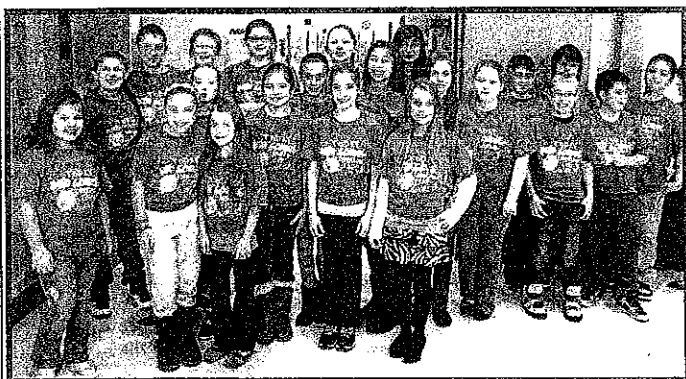
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**Strive for 25 Campaign**



From Kindergarten thru sixth grade Ohio Students have been motivated and encouraged to read. Ohio Elementary teachers and students recently celebrated their mid-year reading milestone for Strive for 25. Students who stayed on track to reach their end of year goal were invited to the celebration. The students were recognized for their commitment to reading and provided a fun atmosphere with snacks and a dance party to celebrate their time and hard work.

**Have You Registered Your Child for Kindergarten?**

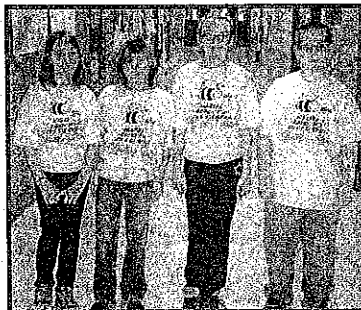
If your child will be starting Kindergarten in September, please be sure that you have registered your child at the Administration Building on Humphrey Street. Children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2014. Equally important is to be sure they are signed up for a kindergarten screening 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.

**Drake School has Spelling Bee**

Recently, fourth and fifth grade students participated in a Spelling Bee at Drake School sponsored by the Niagara Regional PTA. The top winners from each grade level then advanced to the Regional Bee held at Newfane School on March 28. Pictured, sporting their official t-shirts are Kendra Andrews, Jackson Chlebowy, Shawna Zelasko, and Brandon Spencer. Congratulations!



- \* You must be a citizen of the United States.
- \* You must be 18 years of age.
- \* You must be a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to the vote.