

PRESS RELEASE

**From: OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
190 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562**

3 February 2011

Ossining Board of Education Meeting

The Ossining Board of Education will hold a Work Session and Special Meeting as follows:

**Board of Education Meeting
7 February 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
Anne M. Dorner Middle School
Van Cortlandt Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562**

The Work Session will focus upon the following topics.

Facilities Improvement Planning: Update

One of the important District goals of the year focuses upon Facilities Improvement Planning. At the Board of Education meetings on 18 November, 2 December, 15 December 2010, 10 January, and 19 January 2011, overviews of the work of the Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee were presented with respect to improving our school facilities. Additionally, input and feedback from Focus Groups and Community Forums were shared. A recommendation from the Superintendent was made to continue planning for facilities improvements. At the Board of Education meetings of January 10 and 19, 2011, tours of Claremont School and Ossining High School were conducted to examine firsthand the proposed renovations.

During the Work Session of 7 February 2011, an update will be provided regarding recommendations for school renovations as well as economic considerations. The update will focus primarily upon Ossining High School. An actual guided tour of Anne M. Dorner Middle School, which has never been renovated since being built in 1965, will be conducted for everyone in attendance to view firsthand the necessary renovations under consideration at Anne M. Dorner Middle School. The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools urge the community to attend.

Revised Five-Year Capital Projects Plan: Budget Projections

Director of School Facilities, Operations and Maintenance Mr. Kenneth Waldron will provide a presentation on a revised Long Range Capital Plan for our schools including specific projects to be addressed in our buildings during the next several years.

Community Engagement and Communication: Acknowledgement of Report

The Board of Education and the Superintendent Team value community engagement and communication with all stakeholders. It is recognized that positive engagement and communication promote student success and achievement. To these ends, community engagement and communication are embraced as District Goals.

Additionally, under the leadership of the Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services, a Communications Task Force was created. The Task Force assessed the effectiveness of various methods of communication and created an action plan designed to enhance communication with the community, residents, and parents/guardians; strengthen school, parent/guardian, and community partnerships; and enhance the engagement with the public at large. New, innovative, and effective methods of communication were identified. Recommendations included but were not limited to expectations, target outcomes, and timelines. The Board of Education will acknowledge the receipt of the report entitled "Communications Action Plan, Rethinking How We Reach Out To Parents, Businesses, And Community Members" and invite the public to access the report which will be made available on the District Web site.

In addition to the above, the Board will take action upon various recommendations of the administration regarding curriculum, business, and personnel matters.

Members of the school community are encouraged to attend this meeting. Opportunities will be provided for members of the community to raise questions and/or comment about the presentation.

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