

4 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**  
**9 February 2011 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Roosevelt School**  
**190 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562**

The meeting will begin with an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary matter. The Work Session will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by a Special Meeting.

The Work Session will focus upon the following topics.

#### **Facilities Improvement Planning: Update and Recommendation**

One of the important District goals of the year focuses upon Facilities Improvement Planning. At our Board of Education meetings on 18 November, 2 December, 15 December 2010, 10 January, 19 January, and 7 February 2011, overviews of the work of the Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee were presented. Several variations and options were shared with respect to improving our school facilities as well as feedback from Focus Groups and Community Forums. On 15 December 2010, the Board endorsed the recommendation and resolution to continue examining possible facility improvement planning actions based upon the assumption that future fifth grade students will be housed with third and fourth grade students at Claremont School. At the Board of Education meetings of January 10, 19, and 7 February 2011, tours of Claremont School, Ossining High School, and Anne M. Dorner Middle School were conducted to examine firsthand the proposed renovations. During our Work Session on 9 February 2011, an update will be provided regarding recommendations for school renovations as well as economic considerations. It is anticipated that the Board of Education will deliberate regarding next steps and provide an official recommendation.

#### **English Language Arts/Literacy, ESL, and AIS/RTI**

The District has continued its emphasis upon literacy and English language arts. Under the leadership of the Deputy Superintendent Mr. Raymond Sanchez and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services Dr. Angela White, with support from the Director of Literacy and English as a Second Language Ms. Mirla Puello, the goals of the English Language Arts/Literacy Audit and Initiatives have continued to be implemented with enhanced emphasis upon writing.

Additionally, an important District goal of a previous school year had focused upon a self-initiated audit of the District's Academic Intervention Services (AIS). Under the leadership of the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Administrative Services Dr. Angela White, a report was prepared relative to English Language Arts/Literacy and AIS within the context of a Response to Intervention (RTI) Framework. The Report, entitled "Response to Intervention (RTI) Update Report 2010-2011" will be acknowledged and placed 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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