

NEWS RELEASE

From: OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

190 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562

November 1, 2013

Ossining Board of Education Special Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

7:30 PM

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The meeting will begin with an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. during which the Board will meet to discuss a personnel matter. It is anticipated that no formal action by the Board will be taken at that time.

The Executive Session will be followed by a Work Session and Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Work Session will focus upon the following topic.

- ***Stop Underfunding Ossining Schools: Unfreeze New York State Foundation Aid***

Foundation Aid funding was created to provide equitable access to a sound, basic, quality education has been frozen at 2008-2009 levels. As a result, the Ossining Union Free School District is the eighth lowest Foundation Aid district in the state, while other districts are overfunded.

The community is encouraged to attend a discussion regarding this important topic. Guest panelists will include:

- Michael Fox, New York State School Boards Association
- Wendy Lecker, Senior Attorney Campaign for Fiscal Equity Project, Education Law Center
- Joe Rogers, Jr., Campaign for Educational Equity, Columbia University
- Billy Easton, Executive Director, Alliance for Quality Education
- Steve Golas, State Aid Analyst, Questar III BOCES, NYS State Aid and Financing Planning
- Anthony Cashara, School Aid Specialist

Following the above, the Board will act upon recommendations from the Administration regarding business, curriculum, and personnel matters.

Members of the school community are encouraged to attend this and all Board of Education meetings. Opportunities will be provided for members of the community to raise questions following the Work Session presentations and prior to Board of Education action on agenda items.

Please note that this Board of Education meeting can be viewed live via "Ustream." Click here:

<http://www.ustream.tv/new/search?q=oufsd>

Following the Board of Education meeting, this meeting, as well as all Board meetings, will be aired on GO-TV and easily accessed on the Ossining School District Web site at www.ossiningufsd.org. Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to the informative *O-Blasts* by visiting the District Web site and enrolling.

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