

North Syracuse Central School District Weekly Star

May 21, 2015

Message from Annette:

Optimism works in conjunction with your life energy, strengthening your roots and keeping you grounded, stimulating the growth of new shoots and the development of new branches that form your life, energizing the creation that is you.

- Dana Lightman, *Power Optimism*

Budget Vote Results

We should all feel a sense of pride about the budget vote results. After years of difficult budgets and attacks on public education, our community came together and over 73% voted yes on the budget. The discussions leading up to Tuesday were thoughtful and positive. Thank you for the important roll you played in setting the positive tone and for your constant support through the budget process.

**Special
Olympics**
New York



I want to **thank** the Special Olympics Committee and the volunteers for making the Special Olympics a huge success.



Elected Board of Education Members

The Board members who were elected to fill the three three-year terms are George Harrington, Michael Leone and Paul Farfaglia. Michael Leone and Paul Farfaglia will begin their terms as members of the Board of Education on July 1, 2015. Michael Shusda, who received the fourth highest votes, will be filling the remainder of Catherine Cifaratta-Brayton's term, this began yesterday and ends June 30, 2016.

Central New York Leadership Development Program – Now Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for those teachers interested in applying for admittance into the Central New York Leadership Development Program (CNYLDP) for the 2015-16 school year. This program is a joint leadership venture between local school districts through OCM BOCES and Le Moyne College. Candidates selected for the program will be expected to complete three semesters of course work (Fall, Spring, and Summer). Each semester will involve a 3-credit graduate course affiliated with Le Moyne College. Courses will consist of on-site practically based projects, large group seminars and frequent meetings with an assigned mentor. Successful candidates who complete the 3 semesters, 3-credits each semester, and choose to pursue their Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) through Le Moyne College, will be eligible to apply these credits toward the completion of their CAS degree. If you are interested in applying for the program, please access the application on the OCM BOCES website by clicking on the following link: <http://www.ocmboces.org/tfiles/folder2053/Teacher%20Leadership%20Application.pdf>. Interested candidates must print out a completed application and submit to the Office of Human Resources by June 15, 2015. Along with the application, two reference rubrics, available at the following link:

<http://www.ocmboces.org/tfiles/folder2053/CNY%20LDP%20Associate%20Reference%20Form%20March%202015%20final%20draft.docx> must be printed out and completed by a peer and by an administrator, and also turned into Human Resources on your behalf by the June 15th deadline date.

If you would like to find out more information about this program, prior to making a decision to apply, please attend an informational meeting on June 11th at 4:00 p.m. in Small Conference Room 2 at the District Office.

If you have any questions related to the application process, or the cost of the program, please e-mail Annette Speach at aspeach@nscsd.org.

STLE News - Come Celebrate with Us on June 8th!

On June 8th, beginning at 4 p.m., Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (STLE) participants will be showcasing their collective work from the year at the district office. Each district initiative, also referred to as a “bucket”, has a group of dedicated individuals that formed professional learning communities to learn about a specific area of interest. They will be sharing their journey with anyone who is interested in stopping by to see their accomplishments on June 8th. The focus areas include Rtl, APPR, Data and Assessment, Co-teaching, Lucy Calkins, Technology, Math, and Differentiated Instruction.

Student Confidentiality – FERPA

The Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits the sharing of confidential information with anyone other than a student’s parent or legal guardian, or educators directly involved with a child’s educational program; and it is imperative that proper procedures are followed. This is just a reminder that it is a violation of law for any district employee to access confidential information on SIS such as grades, schedules, or student placements and share it with individuals you may know.



North Syracuse Central School District Mission Statement

The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment. Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.

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Adopted by the Board of Education, August 11, 2014

