

OCM BOCES Facilities

Responsible Planning for the Future: Building Purchase Proposal

COST-EFFECTIVE PURCHASE

NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO DISTRICTS

Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES has an opportunity to purchase the former Nationwide Building in the Town of Salina. This acquisition means **no additional cost** to our districts.

Currently, OCM BOCES owns two facilities and leases eight more. A building purchase reallocates some of the current rental budget and allows those funds to be used to buy this building.



(110 Elwood Davis Road, Town of Salina)

Building Purchase Results In:

- ❄ No additional cost to component districts
- ❄ Improved facilities for all our students
- ❄ The ability to control growth of capital/rental costs
- ❄ Adequate instructional space to meet increasing demands
- ❄ The capability to better meet the needs of component districts and local businesses

\$410,000 Annual Lease Payment

\$410,000 Annual Debt Payment



Cost Neutral = \$0 Increase

Referendum Vote

Date: January 23, 2014

Time: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Locations:

- ❄ LGP Career Training Center
- ❄ Henry Campus Administration Building
- ❄ Cortland McEvoy Center

* Eligible voters must be U.S. citizens, age 18 and older, who have resided within the OCM BOCES region at least 30 days prior to the vote.



By the Numbers

- ❄ Not to exceed \$5.9 million* (purchase price and renovation cost)
- ❄ \$410,000* (annual cost reallocated from current leases)
- ❄ \$0 additional cost to districts

*Estimated



Extra, Extra!! We want your news for BOCES Bits!

Please submit your ideas and suggestions for publication in future issues of *BOCES Bits* by e-mailing Laurie Cook at lcook@ocmboces.org.

From the District Superintendent



Dear Colleagues,

This month, we are asking you to vote on a very important opportunity for OCM BOCES, our students, districts and staff. We have the chance to purchase the former Nationwide Building in the Town of Salina. This acquisition generates no additional cost to our component districts.

As you know, making a building purchase is an investment. In this case, OCM BOCES is making an investment in the community and in our students. The purchase of this building will allow some of our programs to be moved from leased facilities into the new building, which will allow additional programs to be moved from leased buildings to sites that are already owned by BOCES.

Currently, OCM BOCES owns two facilities and leases eight additional to accommodate students and support our 23 component districts. A building purchase reallocates some of our current rental budget, allowing those funds to be used to buy the new building. This will result in improved facilities and adequate instructional space for all OCM BOCES students and will give us greater ability to control the growth of capital/rental costs. Additionally, and very importantly, **component districts will incur no additional costs as a result of the purchase.**

The public vote on this building referendum will take place on Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eligible voters can vote at one of three OCM BOCES locations: The Lee G. Peters Career Training Center (4500 Crown Road) in Liverpool, The Irvin E. Henry Campus Administration Building (6820 Thompson Road) in Syracuse and the McEvoy Education Center (1710 State Route 13) in Cortland.

Additional information about the OCM BOCES Facilities Referendum is also available on the OCM BOCES homepage. As always, please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Happy New Year!

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIGHT ?

Electric lighting is one of the largest consumers of energy in educational facilities, responsible for about 1/3 of the energy used.

Research shows natural light improves the comfort and quality of learning/work environments.

Be sure to maximize the use of natural light to decrease energy use whenever possible.

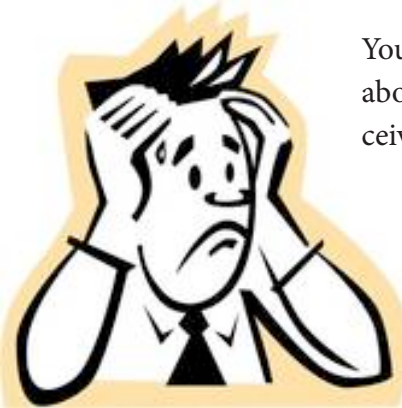


EAP News...

Your EAP is a free, voluntary, and confidential assessment/referral service for employees and their family members who are experiencing personal or work related problems such as:

- Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse
- Emotional problems
- Stress management
- Marital and/or family conflict
- Compulsive gambling
- Financial difficulties
- Aging parents
- Grieving
- Wellness
- Other personal matters

Your January EAP Wellness Topic is Anxiety



Your OCM BOCES EAP has a variety of educational information about this month's wellness topic, anxiety. Please contact us to receive information about the following topics:

- Anxiety: When Worry Gets Out of Control
- Social Anxiety
- Panic Attacks
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- OCD and Hoarding

For Information Contact:

EAP

1-800-EAP-8764 or (315) 471-1361

www.eap.ocmboces.org

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Words of Wisdom

“ Solitude shows us what should be; society shows us what we are. ”

Robert Cecil

Cedar Street Class Spreads Holiday Cheer



Pictured above: Cedar Street students' gingerbread house creation



By Tully Cedar Street staff

The fifth and sixth grade Cedar Street class, located at Tully Elementary School, was very busy spreading holiday cheer throughout the month of December. The class began the season with their annual tradition of creating a gingerbread house for entry into the Gingerbread House Exhibit at the Erie Canal Museum. They then had the opportunity to visit the exhibit and see their creation on display with all the others. The finished creation was quite an impressive effort by our students!

Three of our students performed in the Tully Elementary School Holiday Chorus Concert after months of practice. What a beautiful display of talent, pride and enthusiasm!

Additionally, the entire sixth grade class collected hundreds of food items for the community and worked diligently with teachers and administrators to separate items and prepare them for distribution.

The sixth graders did a remarkable job singing, gifting and brunching together to celebrate the beginning of a well-deserved holiday break. The administrators, staff and students at Tully Elementary School have been very welcoming of our class by inviting us to share in their school activities this holiday season.

Pictured left: Two of the three Cedar Street students at Tully Elementary School who participated in their school's chorus concert after months of practicing.

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