



Lumberjack News

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A MESSAGE FROM MS. HAUBER

Dear Community:

It is a testament to that old saying: Every vote counts.

Rarely in the history of the Deposit Central School District has the final tally on a budget vote been so close: 224 yes, 223 no. Perhaps never before has a vote produced as much drama.

Dealing for the first time with a paper-ballot system for the Budget Vote, tabulating the vote was more of a challenge than in the past, as the error in our first reporting would confirm. After struggling for almost three hours to count the large number of ballots, the clearly exhausted election officials settled on a tie vote with the understanding that there would be a recount in the morning. An Election Official and the District Clerk (whose responsibilities include over-seeing the election officials and budget vote) returned the next morning to conduct the recount, identifying the one-vote error that resulted in the passing of our budget. Due to the confusion of the night before, the Superintendent's secretary and a business official were asked to oversee the process and to confirm the accuracy of the count. We are saddened that a few people are questioning the accuracy of the recount, but can assure everyone of its validity. This experience has convinced us to return to the old, tried-and-true pull-lever machines next year!

Here are the details:

445 poll signatures
+ 4 absentee ballots
- 2 ballots which did not have budget votes – voted only for board members
447

224 yes votes
223 no votes
447 ballots cast for the budget votes

While relieved and thankful the budget proposal passed, we are sincerely humbled by the message contained in this narrowest of victories.

We are convinced the vast majority of our residents want to support our schools and the wonderful opportunities they provide for our children. But we can't ignore the fact that the economy has been especially tough on our community, that people are struggling, and the strain of this state's overall tax burden has reached the breaking point for many of our families.

If voters remember nothing else about what is said about Tuesday's balloting, let it be this: We do understand what people are going through, and we won't forget the message our voters have sent. We have a lot of work to do to win back the support of those we lost this year, and we intend to do just that.

We are very much interested in your thoughts about our budget and why you voted the way you did. We are in the process of posting a questionnaire – an "Exit Poll" – on our website and urge everyone to log-on and share your ideas. The website is www.depositcsd.org/

Thank you to everyone who took the time to get out and vote (on a rainy day, no less), especially those who have demonstrated their unyielding commitment to our district and its quality programs. None of it would be possible without you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Hauber

Superintendent of Schools

Deposit Central Middle/High School

Special Points of Interest:

- 6/2 - 8th Grade Parent Night 6:00-8:00
- 6/2 - 8th Grade Science Performance Test
- 6/3-6/4 - 8th Grade Spanish Proficiency Interviews
- 6/5 - SAT Testing
- 6/7 - Grade 8 Written Science Exam
- 6/9 - Middle School Sports Banquet 6:00pm
- 6/10 - High School Sports Banquet 6:00pm
- 6/10 - 8th Grade Field Trip B-Mets Game
- 6/14 - BOE Mtg.
- 6/14 - Last Day of School for High School
- 6/14-6/15 - Grade 8 Social Studies Exam
- 6/15-6/23 - Regents
- 6/20 - Baccalaureate for Seniors
- 6/21 - 8th Grade Spanish Proficiency Exam
- 6/21 - 6th & 7th Grade Field Trip to French Woods
- 6/22 - Last Day of School for Middle School

REGENTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - JUNE 15TH

8:15 AM

- Algebra 2 /Trigonometry
- Mathematics B

TUESDAY - JUNE 15TH

12:15 PM

- RE in Global History & Geography

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16TH

8:15 AM

- Comprehensive English: Session One

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16TH

12:15 PM

- Living Environment
- Physical Setting/Chemistry

THURSDAY - JUNE 17TH

8:15 AM

- Comprehensive English Session Two

THURSDAY - JUNE 17TH

12:15 PM

- Geometry

FRIDAY - JUNE 18TH

8:15 AM

- RE in U.S. History & Government
- RCT in Science

FRIDAY - JUNE 18TH

12:15 PM

- Integrated Algebra

MONDAY - JUNE 21ST

8:15 AM

- Second Language Proficiency Examinations/Spanish

MONDAY - JUNE 21ST

12:15 PM

- RCT in Writing
- RCT in Global Studies

TUESDAY - JUNE 22ND

8:15 AM

- Physical Setting/Earth Science
- Physical Setting/Physics

TUESDAY - JUNE 22ND

12:15 PM

- Comprehensive Regents Examinations Spanish
- RCT in Reading

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 23RD

8:15 AM

- RCT in Mathematics
- RCT in U.S. History & Government

2010 SUMMER SCHOOL

2010 Summer School for High School Students

Letters regarding summer school will be mailed out by June 25th. Registration for high school summer school will begin on June 28th and conclude on July 2nd. The location for summer school will be Chenango Forks High School. New credit academic courses will start on July 6th and run through August 12th. Repeat credit courses will begin on July 12th and end August 16th. Regents examinations will be August 17th through August 19th.

Please contact the guidance office at 467-8513 for more information.

2010 Summer School for Middle School Students

Letters regarding summer school will be mailed out by June 25th. Registration for summer school at the middle school level will begin on June 28th and conclude on July 2nd. The location for summer school will be Chenango Forks High School and classes will start on **July 13th** and run through **August 12th**. Please contact the guidance office at 467-8513 if you need more information.

Annual Children's Festival

Delaware Opportunities Inc is pleased to announce that the 2nd **Annual Children's Festival** will be held on August 11, 2010 from 10AM to 2PM at the Delaware Opportunities Inc office building, located at 35430 State Hwy 10, Hamden, NY 13782. The theme is "Connecting Families through Play". The event is free to all and will be held rain or shine. Fun activities will be offered to families, caregivers, and children of all ages to learn and explore. Food, refreshments and much more will be available. We hope to see you there. For further information call 607-746-1620 or 877-746-2279.

Volleyball Moves to the Fall

A big change will be happening this fall! Volleyball, which has been played in the Winter for many years, has now moved to the Fall.

A reminder to all girls going out for volleyball is that you will be getting information during the summer letting you know when practices will be. Please keep an eye out for it in the mail.

The modified volleyball program will still be played in the winter.



A Message From Ms. Phillips & Mr. Richards

Wow! Another school year is rapidly coming to a close. The last day of classes for the high school will be June 14, with Regents and Final Exams scheduled for June 15 through June 23. Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2010 will be held at 7:00 pm on June 25 in the Middle/High School Auditorium. Last day of classes for Middle School students will be June 22.

Many of our students have accomplished great things this past year. For a second year in a row, Deposit Middle/High School was awarded a Bronze Medal in the *US News and World Report* ratings of American High Schools. Graduating seniors have been accepted at a number of fine colleges and universities and we expect great things from them in the future. Students who have excelled in the classroom will be honored on May 26, 2010 at the Academic Awards Banquet, at 6:30 in the Elementary School Cafeteria. Many of these same students excelled in sports as well, and our student-athletes will be honored June 9 (Modified) and June 10 (J.V. and Varsity) both at 6:00 PM in the Elementary Cafeteria.

This summer the Middle/High School will once again be “under construction.” There will be limited access to the building for most of the summer, but the HS office and the Guidance office will be open throughout the period. Access to the swimming pool will be the same as last year. The HS gym will be open throughout the summer, but access will be limited to the rear doors in the locker room area. The auditorium, classrooms, and lockers will not be available.

Even though the 2009-2010 school year is ending, it is essential to remember that for many students, June is the month for important state and local exams. Please make sure your student gets plenty of rest the night before an exam, eats a good breakfast on the day of the test, and to allow enough time for study beforehand. Good attendance is essential all year round but is especially crucial the last few weeks of classes as teachers are working hard to prepare students for these year-end exams. Make sure your student continues to attend classes on a regular basis for the remainder of the year. And finally, enjoy a wonderful and relaxing summer, and we will see

2010 ENVIROTHON

The 2010 Southern Tier Regional Envirothon was held at the Tioga County Sportsmen’s Association Center on Thursday, April 29th. The Regional Envirothon encompasses the five counties of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins. This year’s competition involved 39 teams contributing about 200 students from 16 different area schools. Deposit Central School sent three teams under the direction of teachers Joel Lee, Sarah Miller, and Becky Raymond. The Fio Viridis consisted of Yi Teing Cheung, Marisa McNamara, Emma Martinet, Philip Tanner and Paul Warner. The Barking Barracudas consisted of Alicia Koch, C’aira Stevens, Nick Garnsey Brittany Macumber and Colleen Baudendistel. The Saltwater Sophomores were Hannah Freyer, Andrea Davis, McKenzie Martin, Josh Koch and Karen Cheung.

Congratulations to the Saltwater Sophomores, the Barking Barracudas, and the Fio Viridis for their good work in this competition! All three teams placed in the top ten in Broome County and The Fio Viridis placed fifth! It was rewarding to see students work as a team as they tackled hands-on, thought provoking science tasks in an outdoor, natural setting. The Envirothon fosters teamwork, science skills, and environmental awareness. The weather was good, the students were fantastic, and the competition was engaging.

Enjoy Your Summer!

