



District Information Digest

Budget
2011-2012

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A Message from the Board

The Elmira Heights Board of Education presents to you the 2011-2012 budget for your serious consideration. Our budget development process has been as challenging as ever, as we realize a dollar for dollar decrease in our State Aid of 11.2%.

Our proposed spending plan is \$18,594,400 which represents a decrease of 2.6% in spending. A detailed breakdown is described in this newsletter for your review.

The ability to decrease expenditures in our proposed budget comes as a direct result of concessions received from our employees. Over \$650,000 in savings will be realized due to changes in health insurance plans of our Superintendent, Elmira Heights Teachers Association members, Elmira Heights Educational Support Staff employees and retirees. We are fortunate to have the cooperation and collaboration of members of our school workforce that care deeply about our community and our children to help us make this happen.

In addition to the proposed operating budget, we propose funds to support our continued bus replacement schedule. This replacement cycle affords us the ability to maximize state aid to offset large purchases of this nature. Once the replacement cycle is broken, the district will be required to pay for the purchase of buses without realizing aid in the same budget year. An additional benefit of our replacement plan that was initiated several years ago provides extended warranties on our buses, which results in a significant savings in repair costs.

We believe this spending plan is responsible to our children and our community. We realize that we will have continued challenges over the next few years and are committed to exploring options that will help us provide for our students and be sensitive to our taxpayers. We encourage you to call our district office if there are any questions on our proposed plan and also invite you to attend our Public Budget Hearing to be held in the Community Room at Thomas A. Edison High School on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7pm.

Board of Education
Elmira Heights Central School District

Voting Information

Vote On:

- Proposed Budget
- Board Members
- Bus Proposition

To vote you must:

- be registered with the Chemung County Board of Elections
- be a resident of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 30 days prior to May 17, 2011

To vote you do not have to:

- own property
- be a parent
- have children in school

Please note: If you rent property within the district and are registered, you may vote.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available for this budget vote. An application must be completed to request an absentee ballot. These applications are available in the district office. Completed applications must be returned by **May 10, 2011**

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Superintendent's Corner

We extend a thank you to community members that were able to join us throughout the budgeting process. Your questions, comments and concerns were insightful and hopefully we were able to provide greater understanding as to the things we can control, and more importantly, those things that we cannot control.

67% of our spending plan directly supports our instructional program, as it should. Unfortunately, the increased programs and services we are mandated to provide have not come with the funds that are required to support them. Unfunded mandate relief was promised by the Governor and Legislative body and we are anxious for that to be delivered.

In 2006, we established a variety of reserve accounts with the purpose of saving money in difficult budgeting years. We did so with sacrifice and with purpose. The projected tax levy increase, during the unprecedented year of loss of State and Federal aid will be mitigated partially by the careful application of these reserve funds. Our ability to access EBALR reserves and fund balance has allowed us to maintain the current level of educational programs we provide for the children, elude further staff reductions, while avoiding an even greater tax burden for our residents. We are being responsible regarding the application of our reserve funds, as we recognize our challenges will not end this year alone, and depleting these accounts is not a fiscally responsible action.

We hope that you will join our continued advocacy efforts to promote changes that will provide long term relief to local schools. There are some fundamental services that we are required to provide, and funds to support these services have been shifted from the State and County level and eventually passed to local schools to fund. Unfortunately, this forces us to increase taxes if we are to maintain our current levels of service, many of which we are obligated to provide legally. We must encourage our Legislators to effectuate systemic changes in the following key areas in order to help us contain escalating costs:

- Provide unfunded mandate relief
- Assist with getting the cost of health care under control
- Limit required contributions from schools to State Retirement systems
- Promote the alignment of Special Education requirements with Federal Guidelines

We are committed to explore further consolidation of services with other area schools and determine if school district consolidation is a viable long term solution to the financial difficulties we face. Without promise of providing appropriate programming for our students and long term financial relief, we will continue to protect our community school, and will continue to fight for the best long term solution.

Again, thank you for your engagement in this critical process. If we can provide further clarification on any aspect of our budget, please do not hesitate to contact our district office

- Mary Beth Fiore, Superintendent

2011-2012 Enacted New York State Budget Establishes New Cap on Increases in STAR Savings

STAR savings varies in each municipal segment of a school district. Beginning with 2011-12 school tax levies, increases in STAR savings will be capped at 2% of the prior year savings. The State Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) now publishes maximums for Basic and Enhanced STAR for each school district municipal segment.

The STAR maximums are available online at www.orps.state.ny.us/star/maximum/schooldist/sd07.htm. If the STAR savings that we calculate for each municipal segment exceeds the 2011-12 maximum for that segment, we will use the maximum when calculating tax bills for those parcels. For example:

2010-2011

- In the Town of Elmira in the Elmira Heights Central School District
 - School tax rate * Basic STAR exemption = \$630

2011-2012

- ORPTS establishes a maximum for the Town of Elmira segment of \$643 ($\$630 * 1.02$).
- If the school tax rate * Basic STAR exemption < \$643, the STAR savings and taxes due are computed the same as in prior years.
- If the school tax rate * Basic STAR exemption > \$643, the maximum savings per exemption is \$643.

In 2011-12 the Basic STAR exemption for each municipal segment for the Elmira Heights Central School District (Towns of Elmira, Horseheads, Big Flats and Village of Elmira Heights) are all capped at \$643 while Enhanced STAR is capped at \$1,288.

Three Part Budget

According to Section 170.8 of the Commissioner's regulations, the budget is presented in the following three-part format.

Component	2010-2011	2011-2012	\$ Change	% Change
Administrative	\$1,805,535	1,772,470	(33,065)	(1.83%)
Capital	\$4,556,670	4,360,581	(196,089)	(4.30%)
Program	\$12,727,725	12,461,349	(266,376)	(2.09%)
Total	\$19,089,930	\$18,594,400	(\$495,530)	(2.60%)

Administrative Component

The administrative component of the 2011-2012 proposed budget is 9.53%. It includes office and central administrative expenses for all certified school administrators. This includes salaries and benefits, as well as all other costs to operate the District office, each school's main office, and Board of Education expenses. Increases are due to contractual salary increases. A decrease in Curriculum is due to the elimination of one administrative position while the decrease in employee benefits results from a change in health insurance plan. Budgeted expenditures for contractual items and materials & supplies in various accounts have also been decreased.

Budget Function	2010-2011	2011-2012	\$ Change	% Change
Board of Education	\$15,339	\$14,102	(\$1,237)	(8.06%)
Central Administration	190,330	197,045	6,715	3.53%
Business Administration	426,888	435,541	8,653	2.03%
BOCES Administration	216,138	217,276	1,138	0.53%
Public Information	7,590	7,600	10	0.13%
Personnel	30,809	32,875	2,066	6.71%
Printing/Mailing	26,667	21,030	(5,637)	(21.14%)
Central Data Processing	137,853	136,806	(1,047)	(0.76%)
Legal	5,265	5,235	(30)	(0.57%)
Insurance	57,000	54,500	(2,500)	(4.39%)
Other Central Services	30,440	31,745	1,305	4.29%
Curriculum Development	42,182	--	(42,182)	(100.00%)
Supervision/Regular School	243,375	246,689	3,314	1.36%
Planning/Evaluation	29,326	29,999	673	2.29%
Employee Benefits	346,333	342,027	(4,306)	(1.24%)
TOTAL	\$1,805,535	\$1,772,470	(\$33,065)	(1.83%)

Capital Component

The capital component of the 2011-2012 proposed budget is 23.45%. This portion of the budget covers the entire cost of cleaning and maintaining District facilities including salaries, benefits, service contracts, supplies and utilities. In addition, debt service and the District's contribution to BOCES capital construction are included. Increases in operation, maintenance of plant & benefits are due to salary and retirement system rate increases. Debt service decreased due to bonding the most recent capital project. No refund for taxes has been budgeted since we anticipate paying for any that are finalized out of the Tax Certiorari Reserve fund. Transfer to Capital has increased due to the bus garage lease with Horseheads School District.

Budget Function	2010-2011	2011-2012	\$ Change	% Change
Operation of Plant	\$768,691	\$778,645	\$9,954	1.29%
Maintenance of Plant	317,379	321,110	3,731	1.18%
Judgments & Claims	450	450	0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	437,018	458,118	21,100	4.83%
BOCES Capital	77,026	79,010	1,984	2.58%
Refund of Taxes	--	--	0	0.00%
Debt Service	2,938,006	2,703,613	(234,393)	(7.98%)
Transfer to Capital	18,100	19,635	1,535	8.48%
TOTAL	\$4,556,670	\$4,360,581	(\$196,089)	(4.30%)

Program Component

The program component of the 2011-2012 proposed budget is 67.01%. It includes funding for all K-12 educational programs, including staff salaries and benefits, educational support services, BOCES instructional services, interscholastic athletics and transportation. Increases are due to contractual salary increases and the number of students attending BOCES CTE program. Benefits decreased because of the union concessions for health insurance. The decrease in special education is due to lesser students in BOCES programs and in library/media reassignment of staff. Transportation decreased to the realization of savings in repair costs due to the bus replacement cycle and retired staff being replaced by employees hired at lower hourly rates.

Budget Function	2010-2011	2011-2012	\$ Change	% Change
Instruction – Regular School	\$5,008,072	\$5,027,651	\$19,579	0.39%
In-service Training	55,115	45,027	(10,088)	(18.30%)
Special Education	2,567,554	2,575,230	7,676	0.30%
Occupational Education	686,629	729,659	43,030	6.27%
Instruction – Special Education	155,696	126,286	(29,410)	(18.89%)
Library / Media	69,972	40,817	(29,155)	(41.67%)
Computer Assisted Instruction	36,927	38,959	2,032	5.50%
Guidance	111,636	123,111	11,475	10.28%
Health Services	97,976	108,568	10,592	10.81%
Diagnostic Screening	7,078	--	(7,078)	(100.00%)
Co-Curricular Activities	31,604	33,275	1,671	5.29%
Interscholastic Athletics	196,114	203,559	7,445	3.80%
Transportation	465,011	462,491	(2,520)	(0.54%)
Transfer to Other Funds	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	3,213,341	2,921,716	(291,625)	(9.08%)
TOTAL	\$12,727,725	\$12,461,349	(\$266,376)	(2.09%)

Revenues

Foundation Aid has once again been frozen and the final Legislative budget again has a reduction designated as Gap Elimination Adjustment of \$1,855,739 with a restoration of \$76,612. Revenue of \$46,000 is to be realized from the sale of three buses as part of our bus replacement plan. The District also intends to use \$481,047 EBALR reserve certified for 2011-2012 use only by the State Comptroller's office. Additional fund balance will be used in the amount of \$600,000.

Source	Adopted 2010-2011	Proposed 2011-2012	Budget \$ Increase / (Decrease)
Property Taxes	\$6,506,235	\$6,736,138	\$229,903
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	20,000	55,000	35,000
STAR Aid	0	0	0
Penalty on Taxes	12,000	15,000	3,000
Day Tuition - Individual	10,000	20,000	10,000
Textbook Charges	0	0	0
Admissions	18,000	11,000	(7,000)
Services - Individual	0	0	0
Day Tuition - District	20,000	0	(20,000)
Services for BOCES	78,400	78,400	0
Interest	20,000	20,000	0
Rental Property - Individual	0	0	0
Rental Property - BOCES	114,650	114,650	0
Sale of Transportation Equipment	44,000	46,000	2,000
Insurance Recovery	0	0	0
Other Loss	0	0	0
Refund Prior Years	657,379	200,000	(457,379)
Gifts / Donations	0	0	0
Unclassified Revenue	0	0	0
Transfer School Lunch	15,750	15,750	0
STAR Administrative Aid	0	0	0
State Aid - Excess Cost*	175,362	227,049	51,687
State Aid - Foundation Aid	6,179,192	5,259,133	(920,059)
State Aid - Building Aid	2,188,651	2,541,703	353,052
State Aid - BOCES	1,652,123	1,654,027	1,904
State Aid - Handicap	250,000	200,000	(50,000)
State Aid - Text/Lib/Software	89,600	79,522	(10,078)
State Aid - Hardware	18,000	0	(18,000)
State Aid - Other	0	0	0
Federal Medicaid	125,000	125,000	0
Interfund Transfer for Debt Service	195,000	95,346	(99,654)
Interfund Transfer (not debt service)	0	500,682	500,682
Fund Balance	700,588	600,000	(100,588)
TOTAL	\$19,089,930	\$18,594,400	(\$495,530)

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget
Monday, May 9, 2011
7p.m.
TAE Community Room



Annual Meeting / Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
7a.m.-9p.m.
TAE Gymnasium

Proposition Number 1 – Budget

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$18,594,400 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2011-2012 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget after applying available public moneys thereto be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said District.

Proposition Number 2 – School Buses

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District, Towns of Horseheads, Big Flats and Elmira, County of Chemung, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase three 65 passenger buses and expend therefore a sum not to exceed \$332,000, which said total sum of \$332,000, or so much thereof may ne necessary shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the School District to be collected in five annual installments, and to issue obligations of the District therefore in accordance with the Education law and Local Finance Law.

Bus Safety

Bus replacement is an important factor in maintaining a dependable and safe transportation fleet for our students.

The District embarked on a new bus replacement schedule three years ago, with 2011-2012 being the fourth year. When completed all of our buses will be no older than five years. This decreases our repair costs as all buses will be under a full warranty. We also are able to sell our oldest buses for more money which offsets the increased debt service to replace these buses. When fully implemented there will be a positive cash flow from this replacement plan.

Five Year Tax Information

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Equalized Value	\$ 283,395,905	\$ 293,908,356	\$ 301,816,545	\$ 314,940,612	\$ 309,755,948
Levy	6,167,122	6,252,748	6,367,168	6,434,998	6,506,235
Tax Rate / \$1000 Equalized Value	21.76	21.27	21.10	20.43	21.00
Tax Levy as a % of Equalized Value	2.18%	2.13%	2.11%	2.04%	2.10%

Assessments vs. Taxes: What's the Difference?

	2010-2011	Your Assessment INCREASES yet your tax bill DECREASES	Your Assessment INCREASES yet your tax bill stays the SAME	Your Assessment DECREASES yet your tax bill INCREASES
Your Assessment	\$100,000	\$105,000	\$110,000	\$95,000
Total Value of the Town	\$309,755,948	\$351,000,000	\$352,688,000	\$300,000,000
Tax Levy	\$6,506,235	\$6,736,138	\$6,736,138	\$6,736,138
Tax Rate	\$21.00 per \$1,000	\$19.19 per \$1,000	\$19.10 per \$1,000	\$22.45 per \$1,000
Your Tax Bill	\$2,100	\$1,919	\$2,100	\$2,245
		DECREASE OF	NO CHANGE	INCREASE OF

This illustrates how taxes vary depending on your assessment, the total value of the District (determined by assessors) and the tax levy set by the District.

More info at www.orps.state.ny.us

	\$181		\$145
Property Tax Report Card 2011-2012	Budgeted 2010-2011 (A)	Budgeted 2011-2012 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Spending	\$ 19,089,930	\$ 18,594,400	(2.06%)
Total School Tax Levy	6,506,235	6,736,138	3.53%
Public School Enrollment	1,111	1,107	(0.36%)
Consumer Price Index			1.60%
	Budgeted 2010-2011 (D)	Estimated 2011-2012 (E)	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 3,206,656	\$ 2,684,603	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	1,120,588	1,081,047	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	772,988	743,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.05%	4.00%	

Board of Education Candidate: **Harry Blish**

I have resided at 128 Verona Street with my wife Susan for 43 years and am seeking re-election to the Elmira Heights Board of Education. I am just finishing my second five year term on the board. I have been honored to have served the Board as member, vice-president and president.

My wife Susan and my three children, Scott, Todd and Kari were educated in Elmira Heights and graduated from Edison.

I was employed as a teacher, dean of students and athletic director during my 30 years with the Elmira Heights School District. I retired in 1998. I currently am a part-time employee of Kohl's Department Store.

I am proud of the accomplishments that our Board of Education has made during my tenure. I will remain committed to giving our students the best possible education at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers. I also believe that we need to fight to keep our community school intact.

I am very appreciative of the support the community and our staff have given to the Board of Education when we had to make very tough decisions. I look forward to continuing to serve the community as a member of the Elmira Heights Board of Education

Salary Information Available

New York State legislation requires the disclosure of information regarding budgeted salary and benefits of the Superintendent and the salary of any other public school officials in excess of \$120,000. No employee of the Elmira Heights Central School District receives a salary in excess of \$120,000 other than the Superintendent. Information on the salary and benefits of the Superintendent can be reviewed in the District Office or any of the school offices beginning May 2, 2011.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2011-2012 Budget

Monday, May 9, 2011
7p.m. in the TAE High School
Community Room



2011-2012 Annual Meeting Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 17, 2011
7a.m. to 9p.m. in the TAE High School
Community Room

The New York State School Report Card

Fiscal Accountability Supplement

New York State Educational Law and the Commissioner's Regulations require the attachment of the NYS School Report Card to the public school district budget proposal. The regulations require that certain expenditure ratios for general education and special education students be reported and compared with ratios for similar districts and all public schools. The required ratios for this district are reported here.

2008-2009 School Year		General Education	Special Education
This School District	Instructional Expenditures	\$9,300,209	\$3,103,914
	Pupils	1,118	161
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,319	\$19,279
Similar District Group	Instructional Expenditures	\$7,988,861,195	\$2,951,989,735
	Pupils	828,326	115,502
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,645	\$25,558
Total of All School Districts in NYS	Instructional Expenditures	\$29,417,505,672	\$10,926,323,899
	Pupils	2,705,290	411,516
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$10,874	\$26,551
Similar District Group Description: Average Need / Resource Capacity			

2008-2009 School Year	This School District	Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$15,992	\$17,709	\$19,381

Information about Students with Disabilities

New York State Education Law and the Commissioner's Regulations require the attachment of the NYS School Report Card to the public school district budget proposal. The regulations require reporting students with disabilities by the percent of time they are in general education classrooms and the classification rate of students with disabilities. These data are to be compared with percentages for similar districts and all public schools. The required percentages for this district are reported below.

Student Counts as of October 7, 2009	This School District		Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Student Placement – Percent of Time Inside Regular Classroom	Count of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities
80% or more	97	69.3%	57.7%	55.6%
40% to 79%	14	10.0%	19.1%	11.7%
Less than 40%	28	20.0%	17.3%	23.1%
Separate Settings	1	0.7%	3.8%	6.0%
Other Settings	0	0.0%	2.2%	3.7%
School-age Students with Disabilities Classification Rate				
2009-2010 School Year	This School District	Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State	

Special Ed. Classification Rate	12.8%	12.3%	13.2%
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Questions and Answers

Q: What is the impact if the budget is passed?
What if the budget is defeated?

A: If the proposed budget passes, the District will enact it effective July 1. If the proposed budget is defeated, the District may do one of the following:

1. resubmit the defeated budget
2. submit a revised budget
3. adopt a contingency budget

If the resubmitted or revised budget is defeated, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget.

Q: How does our proposed spending plan compare to a contingency budget?

A: Our proposed spending plan is \$572,441 below the contingency level cap.

Q: What impact would a contingency budget have on our local school and community?

A: A contingency budget would result in the elimination of field trips and all non-health and safety related equipment. Fees would be charged for all public use of school facilities.

Q: Are there long term financial effects should the District be required to operate under a contingency budget?

A: The long term financial effect would be to postpone purchases of instructional equipment (such as microscopes, computer equipment, etc.) to future budgets. Maintaining a replacement cycle is good fiscal practice but requires an approved operating budget to implement.

Impact of Proposed Tax Increases on an Average Home

The chart below *estimates* the possible 2011-2012 tax increases on a property with a value of \$100,000 for a series of tax levy increases.

*This chart **does not** take into account any changes in your town equalization rates and assessments.*

Tax Rate	2010-2011	2011-2012 (Proposed Budget)	2011-2012 (contingency)
Estimated % tax increase (decrease)			
Property Value	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Tax rate per \$1000 of assessed value	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.85	\$ 21.85
Average School Tax Bill*	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,185	\$ 2,185
Basic STAR Exemption**	\$ 630	\$ 643	\$ 643
Average tax due <u>after</u> STAR	\$ 1,470	\$ 1,542	\$ 1,542
Annual \$ tax increase (before STAR)		\$ 85	\$ 85
Monthly \$ tax increase (before STAR)		\$ 7	\$ 7
Annual \$ tax increase (after STAR)		\$ 72	\$ 72
Monthly \$ tax increase (after STAR)		\$ 5.97	\$ 5.97

* If you know the assessed value of your home or business, you can estimate the school tax impact of the anticipated tax increase using the following formula:

$$\text{Proposed Assessed value} / \$1000 \times \$0.85 = \text{estimated tax increase for 2011-2012}$$

$$\text{Contingent Assessed value} / \$1000 \times \$0.85 = \text{estimated tax increase for 2011-2012}$$

** Capped at the lesser of the calculated exemption ($\$30,000 / \$1000 \times \$21.85 = \656) or 102% of the prior year's Basic STAR exemption ($\$630 \times 102\% = \643).

Heights Alumni Homecoming 2011

The 44th Annual Homecoming will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the American Legion Hall on Prescott Ave. in Elmira Heights. The Social Hour will begin at 5:30pm with a buffet style dinner served at 6:30pm. It will be a great evening for you to see all of your former classmates, teachers and long-time friends.

The Heights Historical Society in the old Fire Station will be open from 10:00am-3:00pm where there are many historical displays about the Heights for you to enjoy.

The 16th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 30. All interested golfers should contact Craig Palmer at 607-734-1492 as soon as possible.

All classes are welcome for an enjoyable evening. Classes with 5th, 10th, 15th, etc. reunions will be honored. Some classes plan special gatherings during the weekend.

Reservations are \$21.00/person. Heights Alumni Association, PO Box 2176, Elmira Heights, NY 14903. 607-734-7046 or 607-732-1802 or 607-796-0213.

What's Great About America?

TAE seniors in Mr. Richmond and Mrs. Speciale's classes competed with over 7,500 students nationwide in an essay contest based on John Stossel's recent special, "What's Great About America?"

Students were asked to analyze and support a number of topics discussed in the video.

Three Edison seniors placed in the top 222 students (top 3%) in the nation.

Paul Bennett and **Dimitra Rallis** were semifinalist (only 22 students nationwide placed higher).

Kelsi Root was an honorable mention (only 122 students nationwide placed higher).

All three students won cash prizes as a result of the contest.

Learn & Serve News

The first Tech Night of the year was sadly snowed out but the second on March 30th was a success. Our team of students did a great job teaching tech to adults.

Although we had only light attendance, those that came received individualized attention from **Tim Sullivan, Stephanie Stevens, Ali Sewalt, Ryan Roberts, and P.J. Spallone.**



TAE Students Score Well On National Exam

94 students in Mr. Russ' and Mr. Richmond's classes participated in the 2011 National Financial Capability Challenge on March 30th & 31st. Over 84,000 students nationwide completed the challenge which was sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Emiljard Ismajlukaj (98%) and **Marshall Ferrari** (95%) were the top performing students at TAE and joined 18 others who scored in the Top 20% of students in the nation. Other top performing students included; **Paul Bennett, Michael Blandford, Brandi Butts, Kayla Coleman, Kayla Coolbaugh, Kelly Doud, Terrance Kunkle, Chase LaRue, Alecia Orcutt, Michael Page, Dimitra Rallis, Jon Renshaw, Kelsi Root, Aubrie Seager, Ying Shao, Michael Slater, Shane Squires, and Chris Yartym.**

Business Students of the Month

FEBRUARY

Kayla Coolbaugh
Chase LaRue

MARCH

Dana Paul
Dan Roldan

APRIL

Katherine Delorme
Gabriel Kick



THOMAS A. EDISON HIGH SCHOOL 2011 SPRING COLLEGE FAIR MAY 25, 2011 6-8pm

Thomas A. Edison High School is hosting a **FREE** College Fair. It is open to the public and will be **Wednesday, May 25, 2011** from **6:00-8:00pm** in the gymnasium.

If you are a high school student, already a college student looking to transfer, or want to return to college, this is the event for you to attend.

This college fair is open to the entire Southern Tier community. There will be representatives from two-year and four-year, public, and private colleges/career school, as well as the U.S. Armed Services.

Thomas A. Edison High School is located at 2083 College Avenue, Elmira Heights, NY 14903.

Wink 106 will be broadcasting live from the event!

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Questions:
Please contact Elmira Heights CSD at 607-734-7114.

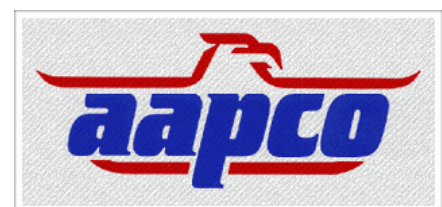
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Summer Reading Program & E-Books

The Edison Library will host a summer reading program this year. Students and faculty will communicate electronically about those good (and not so good) books they are reading over the summer. Mrs. Sheets will make arrangements to lend books out to those that request them. Don't forget – we have a growing collection of e-books and audio-books that are accessible on your electronic devices. Call or e-mail msheets@gstbores.org for more information about the program.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help to update the Elmira Heights School District Website. For more information, please contact Mary Beth Fiore in the District Office at 734-7114.



Sources of Strength

The SOS team created some outstanding posters and these posters are currently displayed in the halls at TAE. The posters depict a great source of strength for students – their friend. Excellent job SOS team!