

**VOTE**  
**Tuesday**  
**April 21st**

# CLIFFSIDE PARK

## A SPECIAL BUDGET MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Recent headlines in the national media claim that education will receive a portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as part of an unprecedented stimulus package. I am not certain if or when that money will impact our schools. However, we are not waiting, but instead are doing everything in our power to develop a budget that will guarantee continued growth in student achievement. We hope to do so by having a minimum impact on our taxpayers. To ensure that our students are first in Math and Science, our Curriculum Committee has recommended the purchase of new Science materials for the elementary grades. We will try to build this recommendation into our upcoming budgets as well as a financial commitment to maintaining current classroom materials. Through Project First Robotics and other innovative programs, we strive to help students apply learning to real life situations to prepare for the global marketplace.

Some students need extra help and extra time to attain their goals. To address their needs, we have budgeted for an extended afterschool program. This will include homework help, test preparation, and enrichment activities. At the same time, we will add additional English as a Second Language and Special Education teachers to address increases in student enrollment.

The Board has also budgeted for the purchase of an additional 39 passenger bus. This will replace one of our present vehicles that no longer meets state safety guidelines. CPSD has also taken advantage of new opportunities. As a

result of a partnership with Fairview, CPSD provided our own bus transportation for special needs students to out of district placements. This relationship has been very cost-effective for the district. In addition, we are providing all busing for Palisades Park Schools, which has provided additional revenue for CPSD. We will continue to investigate and develop other shared-service agreements to benefit our community.

We always strive to ensure that students have safe, clean facilities on a daily basis. Capital projects during the past year have included upgrading lockers in the high school, maintaining all school heating systems, improving school grounds, and updating classroom furniture. Other capital projects are being planned for 2009-2010 as well.

To maintain all services, while limiting new expenditures, Cliffside Park School District continues to pursue all state and federal grants. Recently, we wrote to Congressman Rothman to seek assistance with funding for our extended day programs. Also, the District will be submitting a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant in early April. What keeps me optimistic in these challenging times is knowing that our students have the unwavering support of a team of dedicated teachers and parents. Research continues to show that this support is the most significant ingredient when raising a successful child. So, by one very important measure, our school district is wealthy! I remain extremely grateful for all you do for our school community.

*Michael J. Romagnino*

| 2009-2010 Budget Appropriations |                     | 2009-2010 Budget Revenues |              |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Instruction                     | \$26,900,054        | Local Share               | \$25,988,901 |
| Operations                      | \$2,836,735         | Misc. Revenue             | \$110,050    |
| Administration                  | \$2,856,877         | Debt Service              | \$420,341    |
| Transport                       | \$849,516           | Tuition                   | \$5,969,213  |
| Instructional Support           | \$3,557,515         | State Aid                 | \$4,707,061  |
| Services                        |                     | Balance Appropriated      | \$1,210,294  |
| Capital Outlay                  | \$223,736           | Federal Aid               | \$870,310    |
| Debt Service                    | \$425,738           | Total Revenues            | \$39,276,170 |
| State and Federal               | \$1,625,999         |                           |              |
| Expenditures                    |                     |                           |              |
| <b>Total Appropriations</b>     | <b>\$39,276,170</b> |                           |              |

### **Polling Places**

**Polling places for the school election will be the same as for the primary and general elections:**

- District One: School # 5, Day Avenue
- District Two: School # 5, Day Avenue
- District Three: School # 3, Palisade and Park Avenues
- District Four: High School, Palisade & Riverview Avenues
- District Five: School # 3, Palisade and Park Avenues
- District Six: School # 6, Oakdene Avenue
- District Seven: School # 6, Oakdene Avenue
- District Eight: Senior Citizen's Building, 500 Gorge Road
- District Nine: High School, Palisade and Riverview Avenues
- District Ten: ELC 263 Lafayette Avenue
- District Eleven: ELC 263 263 Lafayette Avenue
- District Twelve: School # 6, Oakdene Avenue
- District Thirteen: ELC 263 Lafayette Avenue
- District Fourteen: Winston Tower 200, 200 Winston Drive
- District Fifteen: Winston Tower 300, 300 Winston Drive

**All are handicapped accessible**

\*ELC– Early Learning Center

### **IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO A FREE OR REDUCED COST BREAKFAST AND LUNCH?**

#### **Children need**

#### **healthy meals to learn:**

The Cliffside Park School District participates in the breakfast and lunch Child Nutrition Programs which may allow your child to receive a

#### **FREE or REDUCED**

breakfast and lunch on a daily basis.

If you have yet to complete a Meals Application

to determine if you qualify,

please contact your building principal,

the cafeteria at 201-313-2349 or the

Central Office for more information.

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