



**ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2009-2010 BUDGET FORUM/WORKSHOP**


**JANUARY 26, 2009**

**High School – Farnsworth Technology Center**

**Session # 3**

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**Mohonasen has PLANS for our students!!**

**Our mission is to ensure that students reach their  
Potential to Learn in an Academically rich, Nurturing  
and Safe environment.**

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**Vision for the Future.....**

**Mohonasen Central School District will be widely recognized as an exemplary school district, enthusiastically educating mind, body and character. Visitors and community members will experience an environment of respect and care surrounding each personal interaction. They will discover a culture of excellence permeating every program. Mohonasen will be a model of a safe, effective and well-rounded educational community in a diverse suburban setting.**

***Whatever It Takes , Whatever the Challenge!***






## **BUDGETARY GOALS:**

*The Board of Education establishes yearly budgetary goals.*

*For the preparation of the 2009-2010 budget, the following goals have been developed:*

- Minimal budget increase and commensurate tax rate that supports the “Whatever it Takes, Whatever the Challenge” philosophy.
  - Continue to work at the state level for state aid formula reform.
  - Maintain programs while continuing to move district forward, even during challenging economic times.
  - Address programmatic changes and successful implementation of the NYS standards.
  - Ensuring fairness and equity between programs.
  - Maximize existing resources and seek out new revenues.
  - Continue to implement 3-5 year financial plan, re-building reserves and fund balance.
  - Continue to implement 3-8 year facilities plan, addressing demographic and programmatic needs.
  - Reflect staffing allocations that facilitate implementation of standards, enrollment changes and class size needs, collective bargaining agreements, as well as emerging programmatic and facility needs.
  - Allocate resources and staffing to implement priority goals necessary to improve results:


NCLB Compliance	Ongoing Curriculum Development and Alignment
3-8 Assessment Preparation and Improvement	Technology Integration and Enhancement
Academic Intervention Services (AIS)/Summer School	Staff Development
Core Academic Area Improvements	Ongoing Instructional Improvement
Immersion and Enrichment Opportunities	Reflect “Whatever It Takes, Whatever the Challenge” Belief
Mohonasen Technical Education Programs “Mo-Tech”	Pro-active Early Intervention – Full Day Kindergarten
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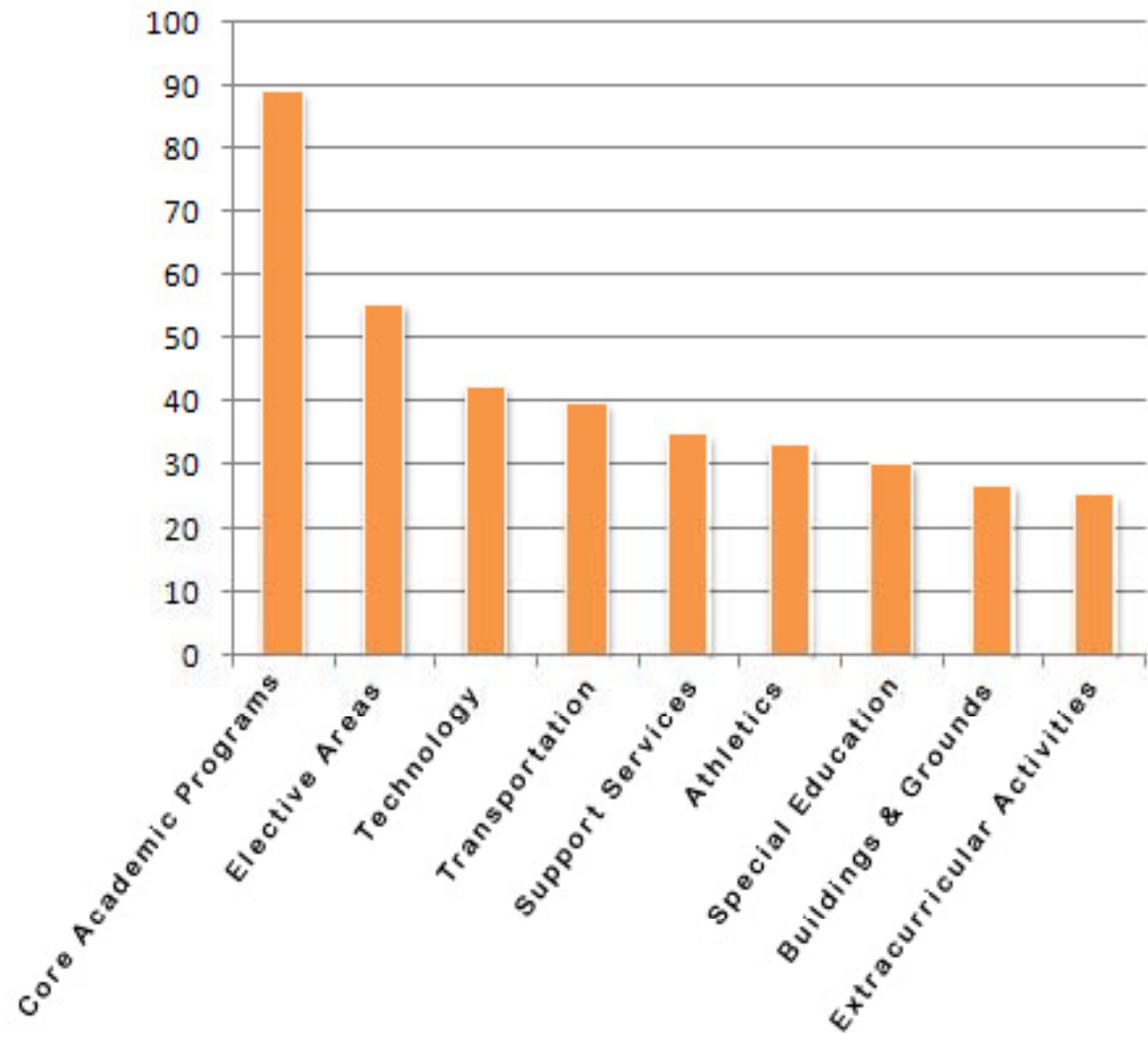


## District Areas of Focus:

*Through leadership discussions, the following areas have been determined as areas of focus/priority for the 2009-2010 budget process:*

- Continue improvement in graduation rates (currently 80 % of our cohort meets graduation standard of completing in 4 years)
  - Continue focus on transitions and interventions such as :
    - high school transition team grades 9/10
    - Success is required 6-8
    - Summer school programs
    - AIS
  - Continue focus on literacy/English Language Arts K-12 (over the past three years, we have seen our ELA scores consistently improve for example, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade scores have gone from 43% at or above standard to 66%)
  - Compliance with NCLB
  - Continue improvements in safety and security
  - Improvement of Facilities – Phase II of Long Range Plan – Focus on Programmatic Needs
  - Create and Continue programs that will prepare our students for the world beyond Mohonasen:

Technology/nano-tech/green technology	Enrichment
Explore our own career prep programs “Mo-tech”	Intervention Programs
Compliance with NCLB	Technology Integration
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**NEXT MEETING**

**February 9, 2009**

**7:00 p.m., Farnsworth Technology Center**

**(as part of scheduled BOE meeting)**

**Focus of Session: General Support, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation,  
Debt Service, Transfers and Special Items**

**Thank You**

