

MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL

Union Free School District
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Superintendent of Schools

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January 11, 2007

Letter of Appeal
FCC
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6
Billed Entity Number 216860
Funding Year 2005
Form 471 #464302
FRN # 1276180
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mt. Pleasant Cottage School UFSD requests a review of the decision of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to deny the schools funding request for basic maintenance. In USAC's letter Dated November 16, 2006 (Attachment #1 pages 1-2) USAC states that:

- Upon review of the appeal and all relevant documentation, it has been determined that MPCS, UFSD's funding request for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections has not been justified as cost effective as required by the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism's rules and procedures. The cost of maintenance for piece of equipment (\$1,272.00), cost per student (\$289.00) and cost per cable drop has been found to be not cost effective. FCC Rules state that, in selecting a service provider, the applicant must carefully consider all bids submitted and must select the most cost effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, which will result in being the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and the technology plan goals. You have not provided any documentation on appeal to demonstrate that USAC erred in its initial decision. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

The Mount Pleasant Cottage School District believes that it did provide documentation during the application, review and appeal process to support the cost effectiveness of the basic maintenance contract. The Basic Maintenance Contract entered into with Calculator and Computer Company was at or below New York State Contract pricing (Contract #PT58097, PS58098) for the Nortel Switches, and the New York State Educational Reseller pricing for extended warranty for the Dell Servers (Attached#2 pages 1-3).

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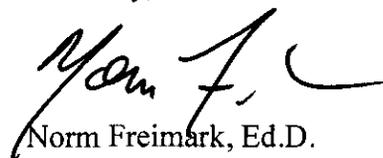
I believe that USAC used a cost per student ratio as a significant factor in determining the cost effectiveness of this request. Please take into consideration that we are mandated by the New York State Department of Education to a class size of 8 students per teacher (page 60, 65 & 66 of Attachment #3 Westchester-Putnam School Board Association Facts and Figures for 2005-2006). If the District were not mandated to 8 students per teacher ratio then the average class size for a school in our area is anywhere from 20-26 students (Attached #3 Westchester-Putnam School Board Association Facts and Figures for 2005-2006 pages 1-67). The network infrastructure is designed according to the number of users and number of rooms in the building, not the number of students in a class room. The equipment covered under this basic maintenance agreement was purchased in accordance with e-rate funding and the goals of our approved technology plan. Basic maintenance of this equipment should also be funded.

The E-rate program was designed to provide telecommunications and Internet access to school districts like ours serving the poorest communities. The technology programs that we have been able to implement have proved demonstratively valuable to our population and depend on funding received from the e-rate program.

To deny this funding for what is a critical component of maintaining the Districts computer infrastructure places an extreme financial burden on the District. Therefore, I respectfully request that the funding request number 1276180 be approved.

If you require any additional information please contact me at 914-769-0456 x201.

Sincerely,



Norm Freimark, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Mount Pleasant Cottage School

Attachment #1

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

November 16, 2006

Norm Freimark
Mount Pleasant Cottage School
P.O. Box 8
1075 Broadway
Pleasantville, NY 10570

Re: Applicant Name: MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGE SCHOOL
UFSD
Billed Entity Number: 216860
Form 471 Application Number: 464302
Funding Request Number(s): 1276180
Your Correspondence Dated: May 31, 2006

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2005 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1276180
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- Upon review of the appeal and all relevant documentation, it has been determined that Mount Pleasant Cottage School UFSD's funding requests(s) for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections services has not been justified as cost effective as required by the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism's rules and procedures. The cost of maintenance for piece of equipment (\$1,272.00), cost per student (\$289.00) and cost per cable drop has been found to be not cost effective. FCC Rules state that, in selecting a service provider, the applicant must carefully consider all bids submitted and must select the most cost-effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, which will result in being the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and the

technology plan goals. You have not provided any documentation on appeal to demonstrate that USAC erred in its initial decision. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either USAC or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Norm Freimark
Mount Pleasant Cottage School
P.O. Box 8
1075 Broadway
Pleasantville, NY 10570

Billed Entity Number: 216860
Form 471 Application Number: 464302
Form 486 Application Number:

Mt Pleasant Cottage SchoolBasic Maintenance and Internal Connections Support
School year 7/1/05 through 6/30/06

Equipment

Mt Pleasant Cottage School (MPCS)**Server Room****Cabinet # 1**

		Basic Support	Annual Extended Warranty Unit Cost	Funding Year Extended Warranty
Nortel Networks BayStack 420-24T Switches	8	See below	\$ 383.41	\$ 3,067.27
Price for extended warranty coverage is 34.80% of the end user cost of a new 420-24T under the N YS State OGS contract of (40% less 13% end user discount)			1101.75	
Nortel Accelar 8000 series Router	\$ 4,575.00	1 See below	less disc	\$ 3,980.25
Switch Fabric	\$ 530.00	1 See below	less disc	\$ 461.10

(Providing replacement warranty service equivalent of Mgd Spare for PassPort 8600)

Cabinet # 2

Nortel Networks BayStack 420-24T Switches	3	See below	\$ 383.41	\$ 1,150.23
Belkin Omniview 4 port KVM Switch	1	Included		
Dell PowerEdge 2550 77CM411 DHCP/WINS	1		\$ 645.00	\$ 645.00
Dell PowerEdge 2550 699M411 DNS/Backup Server for 1 Dell PowerEdge 2550	1		\$ 645.00	\$ 645.00
Dell PowerEdge 2650 6WT1D21 Web Server	1		\$ 645.00	\$ 645.00
Used to provide information to users of the internet				
Dell PowerEdge 2650 13D8Y21 Separate LAN DHCP/WINS	1		Under Warranty	No Charge
The Mount Pleasant Cottage School U.F.S.D. existing network servers are running Windows 2000 SP4. The desktop environment is Windows XP and MAC OS10				
E SOFT Instagate EX2 Firewall Appliance	1		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Dell PowerVault 120T DLT Tape autoloader Tape Backup Unit for above eligible servers	1		\$ 645.00	\$ 645.00
APC Smart UPS 1400	2		\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
APC Smart UPS 1500	1		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

First Floor Server Cabinet

Nortel Networks BayStack 420-24T Switches	7	See below	\$ 383.41	\$ 2,683.86
APC Smart UPS 1400	1		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Second Floor Server Cabinet

Nortel Networks BayStack 420-24T Switches	7	See below	\$ 383.41	\$ 2,683.86
APC Smart UPS 1400	1		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Diagnostics Center (Mid Campus) (DC)

Cabinet #1 Nortel Networks BayStack 420-24T Switches	3	See below	\$ 383.41	\$ 1,150.23
APC Smart UPS 1400	1		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Edenwald School (ES)

Cabinet # 1

Nortel Networks BayStack 420-24T Switches	8	See below	\$	383.41	\$	3,067.27
APC Smart UPS 1400	1		\$	100.00	\$	100.00

Cabinet # 2

Nortel Networks BayStack 420-24T Switches	5	See below	\$	383.41	\$	1,917.05
APC Smart UPS 1400	1		\$	100.00	\$	100.00

Cabling

MPCS	599
DC	72
ES	312
Total	983

Maintenance of fiber runs and Cat 5 cabling
 Checking Wire management and connections at each closet
 Repair and replace damaged cables or end connections/jacks
 Cost per drop \$ 14.00

\$ 13,762.00

Includes coverage for Wireless Access Ports

Proxim Orinoco AP-2000b/g	1		\$	75.00
Netgear FWG114P	1		\$	75.00
Dell TM1170 AP	1		\$	75.00

(Does not include new installs or moves)

*Basic Maintenance and Break-Fix Support (Nortel NY State Contract # PT58097 and PS58098)
(Dell Premiere Service Center and NYS Education Reseller)*

	Nortel List Price	NYS End User Discount	13.00%	NYS Cost	
PN# GR5347683	\$ 63,000.00			\$ 54,446.88	Custom Quote

Normal 5 day week plus emergency coverage
but with additional coverages as below

Based upon GR5347683

This is an annual contract service for Basic Maintenance on Nortel, Dell and other equipment as per below
This is much lower than the per diem or hourly rates for this same coverage
which are anywhere from \$ 200 to \$ 300 per hour with
with 4 hour minimum first shift calls required.

This provides basic maintenance and tech support (on call and remote), changes to configurations
on a 5 day per week availability. In addition, (not specifically covered in GR5347683)
the labor portion of the repair and upkeep of the eligible equipment is covered, as
listed above. This covers 750 man-hours of support, maintenance and repair time for the year,
as well as remote support when needed. Covers all eligible equipment.

\$ 68,208.88	\$ 23,791.12
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Total Cost for Support	\$ 92,000.00
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MPCS Share	10.00%	\$ 9,200.00
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USAC Discount	90.00%	\$ 82,800.00
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CONTRACT AMOUNT ROUNDED DOWN TO	\$ 92,000.00
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Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association

Lisa Davis, President

Janet Walker, Executive Director

Attachment #3

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PREFACE

The schools of New York State are governed by New York State Education Law and by policies established by the New York State Board of Regents. Local school districts are required to provide special services for exceptional children.

The school districts of Westchester and Putnam Counties serve urban, suburban and rural communities. They also differ widely both in geographic area and size of their student populations. These differences are reflected in the educational program of each district and the types of services that each provides to meet the needs of its students. Comparisons drawn between districts based on the statistical data in this booklet should take those differences into account.

The school districts urge all residents to visit their local schools. It is the only way to appreciate what our children and youth are accomplishing. Your child's education needs are unique. When parents visit a school their child might attend, they can better judge how well those needs will be met.

We know the Westchester and Putnam schools will appreciate your interest and will extend to you a warm welcome.

Material for this brochure was compiled in December 2005 and pertains to the school year, July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The data for each district was drawn from the responses to a questionnaire distributed by the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association in October 2005. Definitions for some of the statistics used in the book are described in this section:

- ◆ **State mandated transportation limit** for K-8 is two miles and for 9-12 is three miles.

- ◆ **Per Pupil Unit Costs** This figure is the quotient of two measurements - the numerator represents total expenditures charged to the total general fund expenditures and interfund transfers; the denominator represents a pupil count based on enrollment and includes students enrolled in district programs, disabled pupils educated in district, BOCES, and approved private school programs, including the state schools at Rome and Batavia; and students educated in other districts for which the district pays tuition. Pre-kindergarten and half-day kindergarten pupils are weighted at 0.5.
- ◆ **True Value Tax Rates** Because of varied assessment practices, actual tax rates are difficult to compare. Therefore, an adjusted figure (true value tax rate) has been used and is stated as dollars per one thousand dollars of full value. (These figures were obtained from the Negotiations Clearinghouse Service of Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES).
- ◆ **Staff** is listed as those with certification (state certified administrators, teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors, psychologists, etc.) and those civil service positions (teacher aides, secretarial, custodians, bus drivers, etc).

Anyone desiring to secure the latest figures on a particular item may do so by calling the local school district office.

What is the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association?

The Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association provides to all public school board members in the two-county region, current information, training workshops, strategies, and networking opportunities to improve the efficiency of board operations with the goal of enhancing the education of children. The Association also cooperates with other educational and child focused organizations concerned with the welfare of children. Founded in 1962, WPSBA is financed mainly through membership dues. The Association is a 501c3 organization and is eligible to receive tax deductible grants to further its activities.

A board of 16 directors, representing the member boards, conducts the official business of the Association. It includes the president, two vice presidents, secretary/treasurer and 12 directors. The immediate past president is an ex-officio member. The Area 10 Director of NYSSBA, two superintendent representatives and the Director of the Westchester-East Putnam PTA serve as liaisons to the Board.

At the present time, the standing committees are Board Development, Current Issues, Legislative Action, and Technology. Ad hoc committees are established as needed. All member school boards are invited to appoint a member of their board to serve as Association liaison or as a member of one of the standing committees.

The day-to-day operations are managed by the Executive Director and Administrator.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Westchester and Putnam County schools are most diversified – large and small, urban, suburban and rural - each one unique.

FACTS & FIGURES, a publication compiled by the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association, provides information on each of the 55 public school districts.

We thank every school district for its cooperation and support and hope **FACTS & FIGURES** will be a valuable resource for the community. Please share it with your local community, new parents, faculty and local realtors.

Lisa Davis

President, WPSBA

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BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

(BOCES)

BOCES are cooperative associations of school districts in a geographic area; they function as an extension of local school districts, providing educational and management services more economically than each district could alone. There are 37 BOCES in New York State; all but seven of the eligible school districts belong to a regional BOCES. Membership is not available to the Big Five Cities although they may purchase BOCES services.

Two BOCES operate within the Westchester and Putnam Counties; Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES serves 18 component districts; Southern Westchester BOCES serves 33 component districts. The services they provide are described on the following pages.

BOCES have no regulatory powers or taxing authority; they are financed by fees paid by their component districts and other entities that purchase their services. The component districts also pay a proportionate share of costs for administration and facilities. A portion of BOCES costs is reimbursed through special BOCES state aid paid to component districts.

Each BOCES is administered by a chief executive officer who, as the District Superintendent of the state supervisory district, also serves in an advisory capacity for all schools in the supervisory district, facilitating communication between districts, the State Education Department and other agencies; interpreting and clarifying education law and the Commissioner's regulations; advocating for legislation and policies affecting education in the region; and consulting with boards of education on a variety of educational issues.

BOCES are governed by a Board, who serve three-year unpaid terms. The two BOCES boards in this region have seven members each who are residents of a local member district within their BOCES areas. Board members are nominated by a component board of education and are elected by the component boards.

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Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES
200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598-4399

Telephone: (914) 245-2700 **Fax:** (914) 245-4540
Superintendent: Dr. James T. Langlois **Board President:** Mrs. Anita Feldman
Website: www.pnwboces.org

Total District Population:

58,030 students in supervisory district

Enrollment:

Tech Center 987

Special Ed. 419

Walkabout 52

Staff:**Certified:** 241**Non-Certified:** 254**Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings/Programs:**

Pines Bridge School Programs K-12 (113)

Severe Communication Disorders K-12 (36)

Learning Center Programs K-12 (162)

Regional Alternative High School 9-12 (81)

Gifted Special Ed 4-12 (26)

Local Building classrooms 13 classes

Tech Center 11-12 (29)

Madden Outdoor Ed – student visits 32,408

Adult Program (literacy & occupational) 9,000

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$54,547,113.00

BOCES is a regional education agency that provides services to 18 local districts in Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties. More than five hundred (500) full and part-time employees serve children and adults in the areas of occupational education, special education, curriculum development, staff development, management services, technology, adult education and guidance. Most BOCES programs are located on the 240-acre Yorktown Heights campus, with others operated in local school buildings, at the Fox Meadow campus in Yorktown Heights, and at the Madden Outdoor Education Center in the town of Kent in Putnam County.

Twenty-nine Career and Technical Education courses are offered in the areas of arts/humanities, business/information systems, engineering/technologies, construction, mechanical professions, health services, human and public services, and natural and agricultural sciences. Students receive a combination of academic instruction, with an emphasis on New York State standards, and hands-on experience that prepares them for college and future employment.

BOCES Adult Education programs serve 6,000 adults in literacy programs, in English for Speakers of Other Languages and preparation for the GED exam. Also, almost 3,000 area adults receive career skills training enabling them to upgrade existing skills or learn new workforce preparation skills.

In special education, BOCES provides programs and instruction for students who are learning disabled, emotionally disabled, developmentally delayed or physically challenged. Two on-campus special education centers, the Learning Center at Walden and the Pines Bridge School, provide unique services to students, and an alternative regional high school on the Fox Meadow campus serves older, at-risk students. Many students are served by BOCES in classrooms located in component district schools. Total program enrollment is approximately 419.

BOCES offers training programs for administrators, teachers and parents, with an emphasis on New York State standards, leadership skills, and technology. The teaching staff from schools throughout the region are encouraged to take advantage of the training offered at the Special Education Training and Resource Center, the Hudson River Teacher Center at BOCES, and the Curriculum and Instructional Services Department. The BOCES Curriculum Center also offers administrators a chance to enhance their skills and keep abreast of developments in education.

BOCES provides a variety of administrative services in the areas of purchasing, cooperative bidding, benefits management, safety management, personnel, school communications, arts in education and outdoor education. It oversees an elementary science program for sixty (60) school districts and a professional library with 13,850 volumes and an ERIC collection. BOCES also facilitates innovative academic programs that train school administrators and hard-to-find teachers.

Southern Westchester BOCES

17 Berkley Drive, Rye Brook, NY 10573

Telephone: (914) 937-3820 **Fax:** (914) 937-1850**Superintendent:** Mr. Ronald Smalls **Board President:** Mrs. Evelyn Stock**Web Site:** www.swboces.org**Total District Enrollments:**

Programs and services are available to 104,225 students and all staff from 35 participating public school districts, as well as agencies and a broad range adult population.

Location of program sites:

Throughout the 184-square-mile supervisory area. (see narrative below)

Staff:**Certified:** 441**Non-Certified:** 661**Enrollments:**

Enrichment/Gifted & Talented 1,100

Career and Technical Education 850

Special Education 826

Programs for Students at Risk* 1,346

Adult Continuing Education 1,820

Adult Basic Literacy/GED Prep 12,500
(projected)

Computer Managed Instruction 16,000

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$118,729,981.00

*Includes Alternative HS, Sprain Brook Academy (for incarcerated youth) and educational services for school aged patients at the Westchester County Medical Center.

The mission of Southern Westchester BOCES is to collaborate with school districts, agencies and communities to meet their educational challenges by providing regional leadership and cost-effective, high-quality services. This Board of Cooperative Educational Services works constantly to clarify the needs of each client. BOCES develops, coordinates, and constantly updates its programs so that school districts and agencies can pool their resources to address their own current priorities.

The supervisory region comprises 35 local public school districts: 33 of these are component members who share the costs for the services they use, and who qualify for BOCES state aid. Along with dozens of community agencies, thousands of adult residents and two noncomponent school districts (Mamaroneck and Yonkers), they participate in the following BOCES offerings:

Career Services: Career and Technical education for students in 6 cluster areas, including internships, job placement and academic support for meeting NY State graduation requirements; Basic Occupational Education for classified special education students; Alternative High School; and GED preparation.

Instructional Support & Technology: Curriculum development and in-service courses for educators with focus on meeting NY State's learning standards and raising student achievement; Lower Hudson Regional Information Center serving 63 school districts in Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties with services for long-range technology planning and technology support to improve teaching, learning, communication and business management; the Bilingual English-as-a-Second-Language Technical Assistance Center (BETAC); and coordination of Lower Hudson Principals' Center.

Special Services: Broad-spectrum special education support in the least restrictive environment and in local schools whenever possible; related staff training, support and consultation; and programs of academic enrichment.

Transportation: 70 vehicles providing service to and from school for over 800 students daily; coordination and consultation for transportation programs of local districts: cooperative vehicle maintenance; bus/driver leasing; transportation certification and training.

Athletics: Coordination of 30,000 scheduled athletic contests for the school districts of Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties, including 58,000 officiating assignments and administration of \$2.7 million officials' payment plan; coordination of administrative

and clerical functions of Section 1 of the NY State Public High School Athletic Association.

Adult & Community Services: Daytime and evening adult continuing education including licensed practical nursing; adult programs in basic literacy, English language proficiency and GED preparation; academic counseling and job placement support; training at work sites; and coordination with local employers and public agencies.

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Ardasley Union Free School District

500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502

Telephone: (914) 693-6300 Fax: (914) 693-8340

Superintendent: Dr. Richard Maurer **Board Presidents:** Mr. Marc H. Pillinger

E-Mail: maurerr@ardsleyschools.org **Web Site:** www.ardsleyschools.org

District Information:

Population: 10,250

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Greenburgh

Villages Served: Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Hartsdale, Scarsdale P.O., White Plains P.O.

Zip Codes Within District: 10530, 10706, 10522, 10583, 10607, 10533, 10502

Enrollment: 2,341

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Concord Road Elementary School - PreK-4

Ardasley Middle School - 5-8

Ardasley High School - 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day - 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K - 18

1-4 - 20

5-8 Eng/SS - 22

9-12 Eng/SS - 20

Staff

Certified: 274

Non-Certified: 123

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 5

Number of Walkers: 596

Number of Students Based

To Public Schools: 1741

To Non-Public Schools: 39

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-4 - 0.6 mile

5-8 - 1

9-1 - 1.2

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 39

Number of Schools Attended: 27

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$42,177,590.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$18,017.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$10,615.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$14.40

Each of the schools in the Ardsley UFSD provides for excellence in ways suited to the age and grade levels within the school. At the Concord Road Elementary School, all programs reflect a philosophy of student-centered learning. An interdisciplinary approach to reading, writing and research underlies all content area instruction while outstanding children's literature is the foundation of an integrated English Language Arts program. Ardsley Middle School is organized into grade level teams that offer departmentalized, interdisciplinary instruction. The team schedule provides time for team planning and conferencing with students, parents and/or support service staff. The curriculum at Ardsley High School is comprehensive; while predominantly an academic high school with an emphasis on college preparatory subjects, the offerings are designed to serve a wide range of interests and abilities. The program includes honors and advanced placement courses, occupational education through BOCES, and a Work Study/Externship that affords students the opportunity to gain job and volunteer experiences.

The writing process, laboratory based science and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards have been integrated

K-12. Throughout the district, special education students participate in regular classes. Special education teachers work closely with grade level and subject area teachers as part of a collaborative/ integrated special education program. Innovative programs have been adopted in each of the schools such as, Columbia University's Teachers College Writing Project, Computer Curriculum Corporation (CCC) Mathematics, and Intensive Writing Seminar, a program designed to enable high school students to extend and refine their writing skills. The curriculum is enriched by specialists in music, art, library, physical education, technology, home and careers, and computers.

The technology initiative in the Ardsley Schools has changed the teaching-learning environment. Teachers use technology to support learner-active classrooms. At each school, writing, telecommunications and CD-ROM applications have been emphasized. Strategic placement of computers and other electronic devices (digital cameras, modems, large screen displays) provide for the daily use of technology. The technology initiative included the transformation of each of the school libraries into library-media centers. On-going staff development supports the effort to use technology as an instructional tool.

Ardsley's students consistently score among the highest in the region on standardized tests and the statewide testing program. For the A.H.S. class of 2003, there were: 2 National Merit winners, 3 National Merit Finalists, and 15 commended students, and 3 National Hispanic Scholars.

There are a variety of opportunities for student involvement in co-curricular programs at the Middle and High School levels including athletics, publications (newspapers, yearbook, arts and literary magazines), music and drama.

Parent-community involvement supports and enriches all school programs. The Ardsley Schools have received several State and National honors. The Concord Road School has been named a National School of Excellence by the United State Department of Education and recently received the National Award for Model Professional Development. Ardsley Middle School has also been recognized as a National School of Excellence and Ardsley High School has been named a New York State School of Excellence

Bedford Central School District

P.O. Box 180 - Fox Lane Campus, Mount Kisco, NY 10549

Telephone: (914) 241-6000 **Fax:** (914) 241-6004

Superintendent: Dr. Debra Jackson **Board President:** Mrs. Paula Kumar

EMail: djackson@bedford.k12.ny.us **Web Site:** www.bedford.k12.ny.us

District Information:

Population: 32,000

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Bedford, Mount Kisco, Pound Ridge, North Castle, New Castle

Villages Served: Bedford, Bedford Hills, Mount Kisco, Pound Ridge

Zip Codes Within District: 10506, 10507, 10549, 10576

Enrollment: 4,337

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

- Bedford Hills - K-5
- Bedford Village - K-5
- Mount Kisco - K-5
- Pound Ridge - K-5
- West Patent - K-5
- Fox Lane Middle School - 6-8
- Fox Lane High School - 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day - 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

- K-2 - 20
- 3-5 or 3-6 - 22
- 6-8 Eng/SS - 18

Staff:

Certified: 471

Non-Certified: 319

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 59

Number of Walkers: 76

Number of Students Bused:

- To Public Schools: 4,269
- To Non-Public Schools: 490
- In District Distance Limits/Free: K-12 .5 mile

Private/Parochial Schools:

- Number Who Attend: 487
- Number of Schools Attended: 28

Costs:

- Total Budget (2004-05): \$89,379,884.00
- Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$20,611.00
- Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$16,679.00

9-12 Eng/SS - 25

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$10.47

Child Care: on school site provided by community

The Bedford Central School District is dedicated to serving the needs of each individual student to foster academic excellence and equity through diversity. Bedford's board of education, teachers, administrators, staff, and parents work together to offer and support high quality programs sustained by excellent facilities and materials. Bedford's five elementary schools, middle school and high school offer a variety of teaching and learning styles and programs tailored to individual student needs. The district's curriculum and high academic standards provide solid and challenging educational programs at all grade levels.

Fox Lane Middle School and Fox Lane High School have both been cited by the U.S. Department of Education as National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. In June 2004, 94% of the seniors at Fox Lane High School continued their education at two or four year colleges, and the high school guidance department works closely with students and their families to assist them in gaining admission to many of the finest colleges and universities in the nation. A diverse student body and faculty create a rich environment to help students prepare for life in the new century. At all grade levels, teacher involvement with decision-making and goal setting reinforces the district's commitment to academic excellence.

Other programs offered by Bedford Central School District are:

1. A wide range of extracurricular activities.
2. Strong interscholastic athletic programs
3. Exceptional theatre, music and visual arts programs at all grade levels
4. School clubs and activities that involve students, community members and others
5. Outreach programs in parenting and adolescent life to strengthen the partnership among home, school and community.

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Blind Brook-Rye Union Free School District

390 North Ridge Street, Rye Brook, NY 10573

Telephone: (914) 937-3600 **Fax:** (914) 937-5871

Superintendent: Dr. Ronald Valenti **Board President:** Mr. Lawrence Engle

Web Site: www.blindbrook.org

District Information:

Population: 8,700

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Town of Rye

Villages Served: Rye Brook

Zip Code; Within District: 10573

Enrollment: 1,422

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Ponterio Ridge Street Elementary School K-5

Blind Brook Middle School 6-8

Blind Brook High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/31

Staff:

Certified: 140

Non-Certified: 68

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 4

Number of Walkers: 465

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 960

To Non-Public Schools: 59

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-8 - 1.5 miles

9-12 - 2.5

Private/Parochial Schools:

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 19.6
 3-5 - 21.1
 6-8 Eng/SS - 21
 9-12 Eng/SS - 19.2

Child Care: Available – White Plains YMCA

Number Who Attend: 59
 Number of Schools Attended: 24

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$28,911,513.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$20,232.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$15,454.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$14.75

Blind Brook-Rye UFSD is a high-performing school district located in eastern Westchester County. The district has three buildings: Ponterio Ridge Street Elementary School houses grades K – 5, with an enrollment of 745 in 2002. Blind Brook Middle School opened in September 2004 with grades 6-8 and an enrollment of 320. Blind Brook High School houses grades 9-12 with an enrollment of 360. The above numbers include about 26 BOCES students, enrolled in special programs housed in the district, and 8 tuition paying students from other communities.

Almost all Blind Brook students go on from graduation to attend four year colleges or universities. The school program is therefore geared heavily toward college preparation, with numerous advanced courses and consistently high student achievement on standardized tests. The district's small size permits it to provide highly personalized learning environment which complements its emphasis on academics and basic skill development.

The community has a long tradition of involvement in its schools. Parent and teacher cooperation and communication are excellent. The PTA and Blind Brook Enrichment Program are very viable forces for the students. Community support of education is extraordinary, as witnessed by the fact that school budgets and bond issues have been consistently passed with large margins for thirty years.

In the late 1980's both of the districts schools were recognized by the United States Department of Education as Exemplary "Blue Ribbon" Schools. Both schools were recently accredited by the Middle States Association. The District is a member of the Tri-States Consortium, a regional association of 35 high-performing school districts dedicated to improving student performance and to the Educational Records Bureau, a nationwide testing organization of public and private schools.

Brewster Central School District

Farm To Market Road, Brewster, NY 10509-9806

Telephone: (845) 279-8000 Fax: (845) 279-3510

Superintendent: Dr. Mark S. Lewis **Board President:** Dr. Bruce Schaffer

Email: mlewis@brewsterschools.org **Web Site:** www.brewsterschools.org

District Information:

Population: 18,000
Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Southeast, Patterson, Carmel
Villages Served: Brewster
Zip Code: Within District: 10509, 12563, 10512
Enrollment: 3,669

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Garden Street Elementary School K-3
 John F. Kennedy Elementary School K-3
 C.V. Starr Intermediate School 4-5
 Henry H. Wells Middle School 6-8
 Brewster High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

half day 5 yrs by 12/1

Staff:

Certified: 348
Non-Certified: 240

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 42

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: all
To Non-Public Schools: 500
In District Distance Limits/Free:
 K-12 - 15 miles

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 500

Average Class Size:

K-3 - 21
 4-5 - 24
 6-8 Eng/SS - 26
 9-12 Eng/SS - 25

Number of Schools Attended: 20

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$65,528,995.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$17,863.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$12,285.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$15.82

Child Care: after school (Garden Street School)

The overarching goal of the Brewster Central School District, located in the southeast portion of Putnam County, is to provide the most effective teaching/learning for the success of all students. The district, in conjunction with a large number of parents and community members, has been engaged in a planning process whose goals are the following: 1) increase half-day kindergarten to full day kindergarten, 2) reconfigure the K-8 program to consolidate all K-1 classes under one roof and to reduce the number of students and grade levels at Wells Middle School, 3) create a district wide grades 2-4 program at JFK Elementary School, 4) increase the amount and quality of the district's athletic fields, and 5) completely renovate the district's three oldest buildings: Garden Street School (1925), Wells Middle School (1957), and JFK Elementary School (1964).

In 2002, the district completed a construction project that doubled the size of Brewster High School and resulted in the creation of a new Performing Arts Center, heralded as one of the finest in the region.

In terms of academics, Brewster's students continue to enjoy greater success in the statewide achievement tests. Brewster's overall Regents Test passage rate now stands at 94%, with 100% of all students passing the Math A Exam last spring. High school students have the opportunity to elect to enroll in nineteen Ap, Syracuse University Project Advance, or Honors courses.

The district is also a standout in the region in terms of instructional technology, as evidenced by its being awarded the prestigious "Pioneer Award for Technological Innovation" in the spring of 2004.

Brewster maintains a strong relationship with the community it serves. The Brewster High School Parent/Teacher/ Student Association and the elementary and middle level Parent/Teacher Associations provide ongoing assistance and support within both the academic and extracurricular programs in the school. In addition, the board of education and superintendent of schools engage the community on a regular basis via a number of standing advisory groups.

An outstanding school district, coupled with the charm of rolling hills and beautiful lakes, makes the Brewster area a truly wonderful place to live and grow.

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45 Ingham Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

Telephone: (914) 941-8880 **Fax:** (914) 941-2177**Superintendent:** Dr. Frances G. Wills **Board President:** Dr. Arlene Rosen**E-Mail:** fwills@briarcliffschools.org **Web Site:** www.briarcliffschools.org**District Information:**

Population: 7,696
Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Ossining and Mt. Pleasant
Villages Served: Briarcliff Manor
Zip Code: Within District: 10510, 10570
Enrollment: 1,796

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Todd Elementary School K-5
 Briarcliff Middle School 6-8

Staff:**Certified:** 183**Non-Certified:** 137**Transportation:**

District Size (sq. miles): 6
Number of Walkers: 67
Number of Students Bused:
To Public Schools: 1,588
To Non-Public Schools: 70
To other public schools: 12
In District Distance Limits/Free:

Briarcliff High School 9-12

K-5 - 1 mile

6-12 - 1.5

Kindergarten:

Alternate full days 5 yrs by 12/1

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 97

Number of Schools Attended: 24

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 20

3-5 - 22

6-8 Eng/SS - 24

9-12 Eng/SS - 24

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$39,995,01900

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$22,247.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$16,030.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$19.56

The Briarcliff Schools are committed to the philosophy of helping each child develop into a mature, contributing member of society. The school shares the responsibility with parents and the community for meeting the needs of the whole child: intellectual, physical, social, civil, moral, and aesthetic. The primary responsibility of the schools, however, is the intellectual development of the child - the acquisition of the tools and habits of learning and the assimilation of a basic body of skills and knowledge.

The curriculum is rooted in a belief that each child is an individual. Accordingly, the professional staff is committed to nurturing all students to reach their full potential. In addition to the rigors of the regular curriculum, the schools provide for special student needs through such programs as advanced placement courses, resource rooms, ESL, non-Regents classes, Special Education classes, and Talented and Gifted classes.

The K-12 population in the Briarcliff Schools consistently scores higher than the national, state, and county norms on standardized achievements tests.

100% of the 2004 graduating class pursues higher education, 96% of these students attend four year colleges. The district's commitment to quality education is reflected in a pupil expenditure of approximately \$23,184.00 per year.

At Todd Elementary School the program is designed to meet the wide range of abilities possessed by every student and to help them grow academically and personally. Our wealth of special programs help us address the individual needs of every student.

The program is enriched by a full complement of Related Arts: Music, Art, Physical Education and Library. In addition, we maintain an extensive Special Services Staff including a Psychologist, Remedial Reading and Math Teachers, a Speech and Language Therapist, ESL, a Gifted and Talented Teacher, and Special Education Teachers. Students in 6th grade begin daily foreign language instruction. Also, our school enjoys the commitment and support of a very active Parent Teacher Association and the Briarcliff Education Foundation.

Briarcliff High School, accredited by the New York State Board of Regents and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, offers extensive curricular options which surpass New York State guidelines for grades 9-12. All students enroll in Regents level courses. The High School Foreign Language program includes sequences in French, Spanish, Italian and Latin. Advanced Placement courses are offered in the core academic areas as well as art.

Bronxville Union Free School District

177 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY 10708

Telephone: (914) 395-0500 **Fax:** (914) 961-6581

Superintendents: Dr. Warren Gemmill **Board President:** Mr. John Priesing

Email: Quales@bronxville.k12.ny.us **Web Site:** www.bronxville.k12.ny.us

District Information:

Population: 6,543

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Eastchester

Villages Served: Bronxville

Zip Code: Within District: 10708

Staff:

Certified: 159

Non-Certified: 89

Transportation:

Enrollment: 1,463

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Bronxville Elementary School K-5

Bronxville Middle School 6-8

Bronxville High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

mixed 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 17-21

3-5 - 17-22

6-8 Eng/SS - 23

9-12 Eng/SS - 23

District Size (sq. miles): 1

Number of Walkers: all

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: none

To Non-Public Schools: 54

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 49

Number of Schools Attended: 11

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$34,197,663.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$23,375.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$18,383.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$14.97

The Bronxville Public School is committed to a pursuit of excellence in learning which focuses on the worth of children as individuals and on developing their capacities to the fullest at each stage of development. The school enjoys a reputation for high academic standards combined with sensitivity to the special needs and requirements of children and youth. The Bronxville Public School encompasses kindergarten through grade 12.

The Bronxville Public School is noted for its strong college preparatory program which emphasizes liberal arts and preparation for life-long learning. The atmosphere is creative and adaptive, reflecting the implementation of new technology and of appropriate new approaches to teaching and learning. Small classes of not more than 25 students allow for individual attention and instruction.

The Bronxville Public School combines an elementary school, middle school and high school on one campus with an administrative staff of seven and a shared staff for certain areas including psychology, health and guidance. The faculty is highly qualified academically, and in years of professional experience. There are 1,463 students presently enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12.

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Byram Hills Central School District

10 Tripp Lane, Armonk, NY 10504

Telephone: (914) 273-4082 **Fax:** (914) 273-2516

Superintendent: Mr. John Chambers **Board President:** Dr. Eve Rice

Web Site: www.byramhills.org

District Information:

Population: 10,794

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: North Castle, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, Bedford

Villages Served: Armonk

Zip Codes Within District: 10504, 10506, 10514, 10570, 10594, 10549

Enrollment: 2,818

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Coman Hill Elementary School K-2

Wampus Elementary School 3-5

H.C. Crittenden Middle School 6-8

Staff:

Certified: 289

Non-Certified: 217

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 27.5

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 2,796

To Non-Public Schools: 214

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-4 - 0.5 mile

Byram Hills High School 9-12

5-12 - 1

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 21

3-5 - 23

6-8 Eng/SS - 23

9-12 Eng/SS - 22

Child Care: Parent coop on school site**Private/Parochial Schools:**

Number Who Attend: 229

Number of Schools Attended: 36

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$55,078,738.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$19,545.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$15,452.00

True Value Tax Rate (2001-2002): \$11.28

Byram Hills prides itself on providing an education program that meets the needs of each student. The instructional program is very effective in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, health education, and the arts.

Successful programs include a full-day kindergarten, an elementary school for grades K-2 and an innovative 3-5 school, teaching teams at the middle school and a comprehensive high school program that typically sends 96-98 percent of its students to college. Learning centers and enrichment centers provide extra support and intellectual challenges for students.

There are programs for advanced learners in the elementary and middle schools and advanced placement and independent study programs at the high school. The high school also offers a special year long mentor program for the 9th grade students. The nationally-acclaimed science research program has produced 13 Westinghouse Intel finalists and 45 semifinalists in the school's history.

A wide variety of athletic and extra-curricular activities is also available at the high school and the middle school. An athletic facilities bond approved in 2003, is being used to upgrade fields and other facilities.

The professional staff is highly qualified with a strong commitment to ongoing professional growth. Enrollment in the district continues to increase due to the excellent reputation of the schools.

The community approved a \$36 million facilities improvement plan for the district in 1999, which financed additions and renovations to all the district facilities, completed in time for the September 2001 opening of schools. The community approved a further \$47MM facilities improvement plan in 2004 to address enrollment and program-driven growth, which should be completed by December 2006.

Carmel Central School District

South Street, P. O. Box 296, Patterson, NY 12563

Telephone: (845) 878-2094 **Fax:** (845) 878-4337**Superintendent:** Dr. Marilyn Terranova **Board President:** Mr. Richard Kreps**E-Mail:** info@ccsd.k12.ny.us **Web Site:** www.ccsd.k12.ny.us**District Information:****Population:** 27,000**Town(s) Collecting Taxes:** Carmel, Patterson, Putman Valley

Southeast, Kent, East Fishkill

Villages Served: Carmel, Patterson, Putnam Valley, Southeast, East

Fishkill and Kent

Zip Codes Within District: 10512, 12563, 12582, 12531, 10579, 10541, 12533**Enrollment:** 4,831**Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:**

Kent Primary School K-3

Matthew Patterson Elementary School 1-4

Kent Elementary School 1-4

Staff:**Certified:** 398**Non-Certified:** 324**Transportation:****District Size (sq. miles):** 85**Number of Walkers:** 85**Number of Students Bused:****To Public Schools:** 5,100**To Non-Public Schools:** 450**In District Distance Limits/Free:**

George Fischer Middle School 5-8
Carmel High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

half day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 19

3-6 21

7-8 Eng/SS 22

9-12 Eng/SS 23

Child Care: Camp Herrich with grant from SED- in collaboration with CCSD.

K-12 - 0.7 mile

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 450

Number of Schools Attended: 62

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$77,618,715.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$16,068.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$10,173.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$14.50

The Carmel Central School District is dedicated to ensuring quality educational experiences in an environment that fosters mutual respect and challenges students to become self-motivated. The District offers students the unique combination of a productive learning environment and a diverse curriculum designed to further develop and inspire them to perform above their potential.

The District has implemented a variety of high-level courses which include college level, advanced placement, and honors courses, as well as acceleration opportunities. Over 90 percent of our high school graduates attend college and many win a variety of prestigious scholarships. Strong early intervention programs, academic intervention services, and collaborative service delivery models for children and families, provide the personal attention students need for academic success.

Carmel has combined its academic program with an abundance of extra-curriculum activities and clubs, as well as a full menu of athletic programs. Strong music, art, and foreign language programs, as well as, cultural organizations provide students with a well-balanced learning experience.

The Carmel Board of Education has identified two goals: to raise standards for all students and to help students take responsibility for their behavior and their learning. These goals, which parallel state reform initiatives, serve as the driving force behind our mission.

The School Community benefits from a strong commitment invested by the staff, parents, community, and Board of Education to ensure each student receives the highest quality education Carmel can offer.

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Chappaqua Central School District

P.O. Box 21, Chappaqua, NY 10514

Telephone: (914) 238-7200 **Fax:** (914) 238-7231

Superintendent: Dr. James F. Donovan **Board President:** Ms. Lisa Davis

E-Mail: board@chappaqua.k12.ny.us **Web Site:** www.ccsd.ws

District Information:

Population: 17,900

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: New Castle, Mt. Pleasant

Villages Served: Hamlet of Chappaqua, Hamlet of Millwood

Zip Code: Within District: 10514, 10546, 10570, 10549, 10510, 10562

Enrollment: 4,195

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Graffin Elementary School K-4

West Orchard Elementary School K-4

Staff:

Certified: 471

Non-Certified: 231

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 21.5

Number of Walkers: 58

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 3,969

To Non-Public Schools: 105

Roaring Brook Elementary School K-4
 Robert R. Bell Middle School 5-8
 Seven Bridges Middle School 5-8
 Horace Greeley High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

half day- 2 sessions 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 21

3-4 - 22

5-8 Eng/SS - 22

9-12 Eng/SS - 21

Child Care: on school site provided by community

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-5 - 0.5 mile

6-8 - 0.9

9-12 - 1

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 171

Number of Schools Attended: 43

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$82,512,000.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$19,669.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$16,133.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$13.82

A residential hamlet of 17,900 in the town of New Castle, Chappaqua is about 35 miles north of New York City with wooded, winding roads located within a 21.5 square mile area. The Chappaqua Library, with its 200 seat theater and spacious art gallery, sponsors a variety of literary, artistic and cultural programs. The recreation commission offers 350 activities involving more than 6,300 residents annually. Public parks and playing fields offer opportunities for tennis, soccer, skiing and skating, as well as picnicking, bicycling and jogging. The community also has several private tennis, golf and swim clubs.

A pre-Revolutionary Quaker settlement includes a 1753 meeting house and many 18th century dwellings, 11 of which are listed in the Register of National Historic Places. The hamlet's business center, colonial in atmosphere, has a variety of clothing shops, retail stores and boutiques. Trains and parkways link Chappaqua with major shopping centers. Chappaqua's six schools include three elementary, two middle and one high school, with a combined enrollment of 4,195 students. Class size generally does not exceed 22 at the primary level and 25 thereafter.

Chappaqua is academically oriented, and almost 95% of its graduates go on to higher education. Typically, about 15 percent of the senior class win National Merit Scholarship recognition, and the top quarter of the class gains admission to highly selective colleges. Horace Greeley High School students win awards in national writing contests, are named national scholars, and are selected to attend special summer schools for the arts.

The school district emphasizes the hiring and retaining of outstanding teachers. Most of the professional staff have advanced degrees and many have been singled out for recognition at both state and national levels for their contribution to public school education. The value of new ideas and individual teaching styles is recognized, as well as, the importance of continuing in-service training and evaluation of tenured faculty.

Horace Greeley High School's nationally acclaimed reputation has been recognized in publications such as Money Magazine, Town & Country, Offspring, and Newsweek. The high school offers 20 AP courses, four languages and a wide variety of electives, as well as majors in the fine, performing and visual arts. A large number of students are involved in the school newspapers, literary magazine, theater production, musical groups and interscholastic sports.

There is strong interest and support for education from Chappaqua's community, including an active and involved PTA.

Croton-Harmon Union Free School District

10 Gerstein Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Telephone: (914) 271-4713 **Fax:** (914) 271-8685

Superintendent: Dr. Marjorie E. Castro **Board President:** Mr. Neal Haber

Email: mcastrcroton@hotmail.com **Web Site:** www.croton-harmon.lhric.org

District Information:

Population: 10,000

Staff:

Certified: 158

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Cortlandt, Yorktown
Villages Served: Croton-on-Hudson
Zip Code; Within District: 10520, 10562
Enrollment: 1,682

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:
 Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School K-5
 Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School 6-8
 Croton-Harmon High School 9-12

Kindergarten:
 full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:
 K-2 - 20.6
 3-5 - 22
 6-8 Eng/SS - 22
 9-12 Eng/SS - 20

Child Care: Childrenspace K-5
 District After School Center in Middle School

Non-Certified: 108

Transportation:
District Size (sq. miles): 18.5
Number of Walkers: 667
Number of Student; Based:
To Public Schools: 1047
To Non-Public Schools: 129
In District Distance Limits/Free:
 K-5 - 0.3 mile
 6-10 - 1.5

Private/Parochial Schools:
 Number Who Attend: 129
 Number of Schools Attended: 20

Costs:
 Total Budget (2004-05): \$32,070,000.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$19,067.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$16,056.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$15.92

Approximately 94% of the seniors continue their education beyond high school. The Croton-Harmon High School entertains AFS students yearly from such diverse countries as Yugoslavia and Denmark and has an ongoing exchange program with LaRoche, France.

Throughout their four years of study, students are encouraged to become life-long learners by participating in debates, Socratic seminars, and cooperative learning groups. Students regularly exhibit their knowledge before an audience of peers, faculty and community members. Learning at Croton-Harmon High School is designed to promote mastery and encourage the application of knowledge resulting in students who are effective communicators, researchers and problem-solvers. Croton-Harmon High School offers a rigorous academic program that includes AP courses in English, American History, Economics, Biology, Computer Science, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics and Art.

Senior Options (CHOOSE) is a culminating academic experience that invites students to apply their cumulative knowledge and skills to an area of personal interest. In lieu of attending traditional classes, students spend their last eight weeks of high school serving as interns in an apprenticeship out in the greater community. Students keep a daily journal of their experiences and complete a research project. The experience concludes with an exhibition by each student before an audience of peers, faculty and community members.

Community Service provides students an opportunity to play a significant role in the surrounding community. All students are required to complete a minimum of twenty-five hours of service before the end of their junior year.

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