



# OSSINING UFSD NEWS

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## **Board of Education to Discuss Facilities Improvements *Focus on Community Engagement* Work Session and Special Meeting**

(OSSINING, N.Y.) – At its first Work Session since students returned to school, the Ossining Board of Education will begin discussing plans for the improvement of facilities within the district, with a focus on engaging the community in the discussion. **The Work Session, which is open to the public, begins at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, at Roosevelt School, 190 Croton Ave., Ossining, N.Y.**

Under the leadership of the Superintendent of Schools and the Executive Director of Finance and Operations with the support of an external consultant and in partnership with staff, parents, and community residents, the district will develop a report regarding plans for facilities improvements and present this report to the Board in June 2008. The report will include, but not be limited to, recommendations regarding school space considerations, school building issues, cultural arts needs, Middle School space needs and renovations, High School renovations, Roosevelt School renovations, long-term athletic facilities needs, staff development needs, library media/technology centers, and possible grade reconfigurations.

Last year the district focused attention upon studying facilities as well as considering anticipated facilities needs and possibilities for renovation. The upcoming Work Session will launch the process of developing long-range plans to address facilities needs, in part based upon an increase in the number of young children enrolling in the school district. Explained Dr. Phyllis Glassman, Superintendent of Schools “This is a time of discussion, and we welcome all community voices to share with us their hopes and concerns.” “Since there are no recommendations planned for implementation at this time, this will be a year of engaging our educational community and strengthening partnerships in facilitating a process leading toward recommendations to benefit students and be respectful of our community, simultaneously.”

Following the Work Session, the Board of Education will conduct a Special Meeting to act upon recommendations from the administration regarding personnel matters.

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**WHAT: BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROCESS AND SPECIAL MEETING**  
**WHEN: MONDAY, SEPT. 10, 7:30 P.M.**  
**WHERE: ROOSEVELT SCHOOL, 190 CROTON AVE., OSSINING, NY**

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The Ossining Union Free School District, nationally recognized for its mission to further the success of all children, serves approximately 4,200 pupils in six schools: Roosevelt School for newborn to four-year-olds, Park Early Childhood Center for kindergarten through first grade, Brookside School for grades two and three, Claremont School for grades four and five, Anne M. Dorner Middle School for grades six through eight, and Ossining High School for grades nine through 12.