

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

December 15, 2011

Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

Twenty-First Century Diploma/Enrichment Committee

At this past Monday's Board of Education meeting, an update was presented on the formation of a task force made up of staff, parents and community members to explore some of the ideas presented at recent Work Sessions regarding additional opportunities for students to commit to challenge projects on a voluntary basis, as well as ways to provide enriched curriculum experiences in the classroom, as may be indicated. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet about four times this school year and several times next year, looking into recommendations for next year and the future to present to the Board of Education for consideration. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 285-9881, ext. 222 or email ekanas@vs30.org. We anticipate approximately ten members.

Budget Time/Come and Be Informed and Opportunity to Provide Input

At Monday's Work Session there was a preliminary discussion regarding the upcoming budget development process. It is currently anticipated that the District will be working to develop a budget that falls within the parameters of the new State requirements of no more than a two percent (2%) tax levy increase, without a supermajority vote required for passage.

There will be several upcoming opportunities for you to become informed regarding budget discussions and to provide input. Budget discussions will occur at:

<i>January 23, 2012</i>	<i>Work Session</i>
<i>January 30, 2012</i>	<i>Board Business meeting</i>
<i>February 1, 2012</i>	<i>Community Budget Forum</i>
<i>February 13, 2012</i>	<i>Work Session</i>
<i>February 27, 2012</i>	<i>Board Business meeting.</i>

All meetings take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Shaw Library. The public is invited to all meetings, as important information will be discussed and presented at each. Public comment can be made at the Board Business meetings and Community Budget Forum.

Holiday Concerts – All 7:30 p.m.

December 20th – Clear Stream Avenue
December 21st – Forest Road
December 22nd – Shaw Avenue

Have a good weekend. As always, please contact me at 516-285-9881, x222 or email ekanas@vs30.org with comments and suggestions on the topic of this newsletter or with suggestions or questions on other topics.

Sincerely,



Elaine Kanas, Ed.D.