



# UPDATE

**May 15, 2020**

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### Important Calendar Dates:

- **May 22, 2020** - This date will be a distance learning day, based on all the disruptions from COVID-19 and the Governor's Executive Orders. Monday, May 25, 2020 is the Memorial Day holiday, which means no school.
- **Tentatively** we are planning on the last day of school/distance learning on **June 17, 2020**. Emphasis on tentative, because the NYS Education Department and school districts have not received clarification from Governor Cuomo's Executive Order closing schools to the end of the academic year. June 17, 2020 meets NYSED 180-day requirement and contractual obligations.
- **June 26, 2020** - Graduation Day - ceremony plans are being developed based on Executive Orders from NYS and Onondaga County Executive Order for social distancing.

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### Shared by Mr. Mumford: To Honor the Class of 2020

**Friday, May 15th: The Tiger Stadium will be lit up again to honor the class of 2020! Schools across the area will be lighting up their stadiums in the honor of all seniors. Please show your Tiger Pride by decorating and lighting your home to honor our 2020 graduates!**

- Decorate and light your homes to honor the 2020 graduates.
- Send pictures of you decoration/lights to our new parent google classroom, or email to Mr. Stanton. Link is here: <https://www.smore.com/csyhk-may-the-learning-be-with-you>
- From 8:20 p.m. - 8:40 p.m. the lights at the Jr./Sr. High School Stadium will be lit.
- Here is another [Jr/Sr High School Newsletter](#). I hope you enjoy all the great things the students and staff at OCS are doing during Virtual Learning.



## **TUNE IN: Saturday, May 16 for Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020**

New York State Department of Education (NYSED) announcement on **Saturday, May 16, at 8 p.m. ET**, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is partnering with XQ Institute on [Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020](#), a one-hour primetime show paying joyful tribute to high school seniors, their extraordinary teachers, and their families. This commercial-free special will air on ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC, and it will also be available through partners such as Complex Networks, Facebook, Instagram, PEOPLE, Snapchat, TikTok, and YouTube.

During the show, high school seniors and other viewers will be invited to visit the Graduate Together website and click on their state to see specialized content for their graduating class. Students may visit the national [Graduate Together website](#) to submit photos, videos, and speeches for a chance to be featured on the show. The NYSED has submitted several stories about New York State students that may be featured on the telecast. We will highlight additional stories about the Class of 2020 on NYSED's forthcoming Graduation 2020 web page, on social media platforms, and in newsletters.

We encourage you to tune in on Saturday to help celebrate the remarkable and resilient Class of 2020!

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## **BUDGET VOTE:**

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and doing well during this unprecedented time. As you are aware, social distancing measures have been in place for several weeks now. The Governor's Executive Orders during the Pandemic State of Emergency has left us with many decisions needing to happen rapidly. Our usual budget development process and communications have been changed greatly, due to social distancing. We have important information to share with you for the remainder of the school year regarding the School District Election and Budget Vote. Below is our first **NOTICE - ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION.**

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This notice is sent pursuant to New York Governor Executive Order No. 202.26 to provide information regarding the Onondaga Central School District's (the "School District") 2020 Annual Meeting and General Election.

**Date/Time of the Election:** June 9, 2020, via absentee ballot only by 5:00 p.m.

**Date of Budget Hearing:** May 26, 2020, at 6 pm; Livestreaming at <https://ensemble.cnyric.org/hapi/v1/contents/permalinks/OCSBOEmeeting/viewg>

**Definition of Qualified Voter:** A person shall be entitled to vote in the School District's 2020 Annual Meeting and Election, who is:

1. A citizen of the United States;
2. Eighteen years of age;
3. A resident within the School District for a period of thirty days prior to June 9, 2020; and
4. No person shall have the right to register for or vote who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.


**Absentee Ballot:** In accordance with Executive Order 202.26, absentee ballots will be mailed by the District. One absentee ballot will be mailed to each registered poll voter in the School District. If you do not receive your absentee ballot by 5/26/2020 or have additional qualified voters in your household, please contact Jennifer Woody, District Clerk at 315-552-5001, or email [jwoody@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:jwoody@ocs.cnyric.org). Reminder all absentee ballots need to be returned to the District Office on June 9, 2020, by 5:00 p.m.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Thank you, your vote is important to our Community.

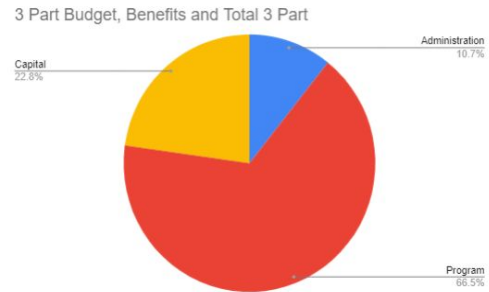
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## **Budget Information:**

On June 9, 2020, Onondaga Central School District residents will have an opportunity to vote on a \$22,599,385 proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year budget. The budget calls for a 2.4% increase in spending from the 2019-2020 school year and carries a 1.5% tax levy increase. The \$522,234 increase in the general fund budget is mostly due to increases for contractual obligations and resources to maintain our educational programs and health insurance expenses.



	<b>3 Part Budget</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Total 3 Part</b>
<b>Administration</b>	\$1,923,932	\$463,344	\$2,387,276
<b>Program</b>	\$11,944,588	\$3,938,428	\$15,883,016
<b>Capital</b>	\$4,097,420	\$231,672	\$4,329,092
	<b>\$17,965,940</b>	<b>4,633,445</b>	<b>22,599,385</b>



## Food Service - Delivery & Donations:

For your planning purposes and the announcement of schools not returning to regular schedules this year, we are putting in place the food distribution schedule for the remainder of May 2020 through June 2020. Please see below for more detailed information:

1. May 18, 2020 - Six days of meals (covers 5/19, 5/20, 5/21, 5/22, 5/25, 5/26)
2. May 26, 2020 - Four days of meals (covers 5/27, 5/28, 5/29, 6/1)
3. June 1, 2020 - Five days of meals (covers 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/8)
4. June 8, 2020 - Five days of meals (covers 6/9, 6/10, 6/11, 6/12, 6/15)
5. June 15, 2020 - Five days of meals (covers 6/16, 6/17, 6/18, 6/19, 6/22)
6. June 22, 2020 - Five days of meals (covers 6/23, 6/24, 6/25, 6/26, 6/29)
7. June 29, 2020 - To Be Determined

As a reminder, anyone in the district who is in need, that currently does not receive meals, can sign up on our district webpage or [click here](#). Meals for those signed up will be delivered every Monday morning with 5 days of breakfasts and lunches for each student.

Along with providing meals to the students, the district has also set up a pantry to provide for families in the community. If anyone would like to donate, we are currently collecting food at the district office from 8 am-12 pm daily. Please contact Jennifer Woody, Business Administrator, at [jwoody@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:jwoody@ocs.cnyric.org) with any questions you may have.

Please continue to stay strong and reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns.

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## **TIGER TV:**

Mrs. Paterson and her students have provided the link to this week's announcements on [Tiger TV](#) located on the [school webpage](#). The clips I get from you guys really help to make it special. Please continue to help push it out to students.  
<http://www.onondagacsd.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1718>

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**From Mrs. Gdula, Rockwell social worker, something for parents:**



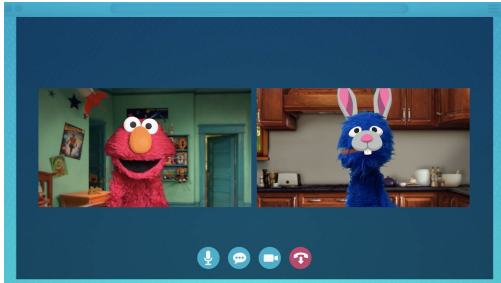
## **Sesame Workshop's Tips For Parents During The Coronavirus Pandemic: NPR**

[www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)

Many parents are struggling right now — juggling kids at home 24/7 and coping with their own losses. In this episode, Rosemarie Truglio, a developmental psychologist and vice president of research at Sesame Workshop, offers helpful pandemic parenting tips.

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## Something for students:



## Answering Your Kid's Questions About Coronavirus With Grover From Sesame Street: NPR

[www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)

Hey kids! Sesame Street's Grover is here and he's got some great ideas for making your days brighter during coronavirus. Grover explains how to make virtual play dates more fun, how to daydream and how to be a helper.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AT Rockwell ES

Construction resumed this spring with better weather for construction and asphalt plants opening up. Fortunately for us, school construction is considered essential work in NYS by Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders. Many thanks go out to Assemblywoman Hunter for making this possible for the Onondaga CSD. Without her support providing a grant for the Outdoor Classroom, it would not have been possible. We will continue to keep you posted on progress along with the grand opening coming in the next few weeks.



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IF YOU ARE COUNTING DOWN  
THE DAYS TO SUMMER,  
YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON  
WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY  
TO BECOME THE PERSON  
YOU DREAM OF BEING.

ACADEMIC  
MINDSET

Sincerely,

Rob Price

Superintendent