

**Education Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, September 14, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m. Reeds Brook Middle School**

Present: Liliane Deighan, Cindy Mitchell, Zachary Malloy, Richard Lyons, Mary Giard, Maureen Montgomery, Lynne Wells, Ellen Surprenant, Marianne DeRaps, Mary Smith, Carla Leathem, Ruey Yehle, Regan Nickels, Serena Morris

- Student Assessment Data

This conversation was a follow-up to a full Board presentation. Each principal provided an individual school overview, noting ongoing initiatives that focus on the data and teaching and learning. The student's performance as it related to Adequate Yearly Progress status was shared per building by the respective principal.

In question and answer format, a concern was noted associated with the secondary mathematics outcomes. Mrs. Yehle noted specific observations relevant to this content area.

The Superintendent suggested we may consider an audit in this content area, given its historical perspective.

- Newburgh Elementary School and Town of Newburgh

The Superintendent noted the next meeting is set for September 21<sup>st</sup>. The class configuration topic was highlighted; if joint occupancy is attained, the decision with respect to class configuration should be decided as early as possible (November-December time frame).

- Enrollment Trends

The Superintendent provided a handout noting grades 6 – 8 enrollment from FY 06 to FY 13. There is a significant enrollment decline, as expected. He noted personnel adjustments must be considered and as a result, he and the Director of Curriculum are meeting with middle school principals. Any recommendations should be advanced in November-December time frame. The State's fiscal crisis accentuated the need to address. The Superintendent also noted the possibility of reconnecting with the citizens that assisted the committee in the past when the Newburgh Elementary School enrollment options were discussed, as it related to the option of having children from Newburgh Elementary School attend Smith and Wagner Schools.