

# ORADELL: Eye on OPS



## New Staff Biographies



**Nicole Auriemma**  
Data Coordinator

Prior to OPS, Ms. Auriemma worked as an Administrative Assistant for Data and Technology for the Haworth Public School. Ms. Auriemma currently attends the University of Arkansas online for her degree in Human Resource Workforce Development Education. Ms. Auriemma is very eager to be part of the OPS Community.




**Nicole C Schoening, CPA, SFO**  
School Business Administrator

Mrs. Schoening, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations, brings over 23 years of school business office experience to our district. She began her career as a local government auditor of schools and municipalities, and transitioned into school business offices as the Assistant School Business Administrator for Boonton Township and Wayne Public Schools. In addition, she served as the President of the Passaic County Association of School Business Officials for two years. Mrs. Schoening is a graduate of Montclair University, is married, and is the mother of twelve year old twins. When asked how she was going to adjust to coming from such a large district to OPS, she stated she was quite thrilled in that she would be able to establish close working relationships with all involved in providing the best educational experience for the students.



**Amanda Lee**  
Leave— Replacement Special Education Teacher

Ms. Lee is a graduate from SUNY New Paltz where she received degrees in Childhood Education with a concentration in Biology and Special Education. She has over 10 years of experience working in preschools and as a substitute teacher in Kindergarten through sixth grade. In her free time she likes to read and is passionate about encouraging children to love reading and learning. She is very excited to join the OPS community and looking forward to the remainder of the school year.



**Please plan to attend our remaining Strategic Planning Meetings**  
May 2nd and June 6th @ 7:30 P.M.  
in the OPS Auditorium

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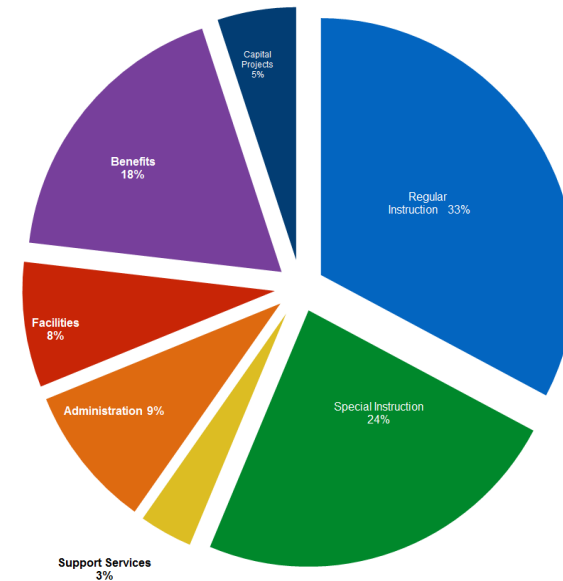
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## District Budget 2018-2019



During the process of building the 2018-2019 school district budget four goals were established. We developed a fiscally responsible budget producing a tax levy under the state's mandated 2% hard cap that meets the needs of all stakeholders while delivering creative educational experiences for the students, increases the District's commitment to their staff in that teachers are properly trained to deliver up to date curriculum for the students, continues the District's technology plan to ensure its effective use in the classroom to increase student achievement, and includes realistic multi-year maintenance and capital budgets. We are very proud of this budget in that it addresses and continues the ultimate goal--preparing our students for the future.

Home Assessment	17-18 18-19		Annual Increase
	Current	Proposed	
\$300,000	\$ 2,157	\$2,160	\$ 3
\$400,000	\$ 2,877	\$2,880	\$ 4
\$500,000	\$ 3,596	\$3,600	\$ 5
<b>\$545,894</b>	<b>\$3,926</b>	<b>\$3,931</b>	<b>\$ 5 AVERAGE Assessment</b>
\$600,000	\$4,315	\$4,321	\$ 6
\$700,000	\$5,034	\$5,041	\$ 7
\$900,000	\$6,472	\$6,481	\$ 9
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## Message from the Superintendent

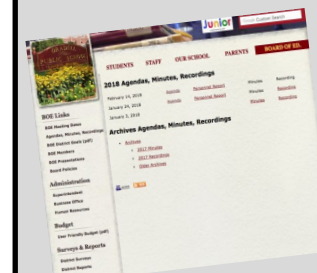
I hope this Spring edition of our District newsletter finds you and your family well and enjoying the first signs of spring. As we begin to look ahead towards the end of this school year, it is important that we also look back and celebrate the efforts of all our community members during these past few months. Our Board of Education and central office administration have been working collaboratively to develop a sound budget for the 2018-2019 school year that will not only maintain our current programming and services, but will also seek to enhance what we currently provide our children at OPS. Our teaching staff continues to employ best instructional practices within our classrooms, while our administrative team has been working to support and lead their efforts for the future. We are appreciative of our PTA, which has been busy behind the scenes facilitating various fundraising events and programs that have led to extremely generous donations to support our classrooms. Finally, and most importantly, we thank our students for their continued efforts, their positive spirit, and their great character, as they continue to show everyone what OPS is all about.

In this edition of our District newsletter, we have highlighted many of the great activities in and around OPS, while also taking time to reflect on some of the highlights of our new budget.

The District's Business Administrator, Nicole Schoening, presented the new budget to the Board of Education on March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you were unable to attend that meeting please check our website where we have posted a video of this presentation. We will continue to update our website with additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,  
*John. C. Anzul, Ed. D.*  
Superintendent

## Couldn't attend the Board Meeting?

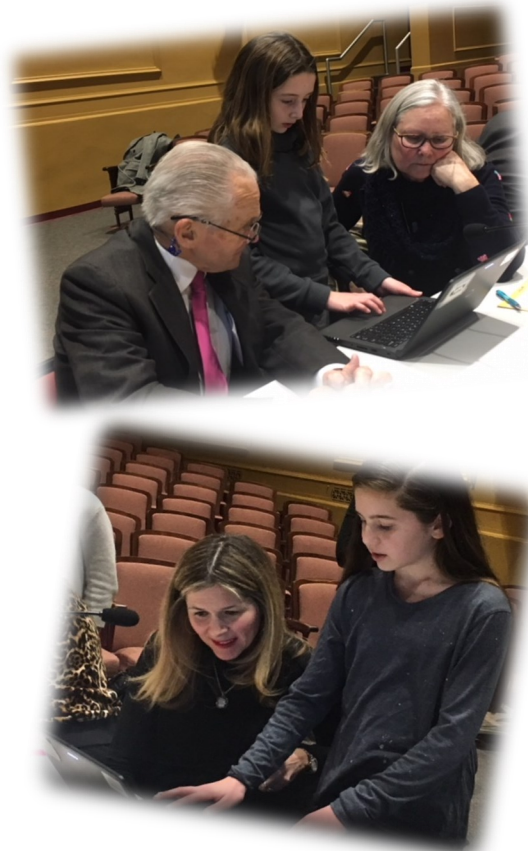


Log onto the District Website @ [oradellschool.org](http://oradellschool.org) and under the Board of Education Tab go to Board Meeting Recordings

## Students Visit a Board Meeting to Discuss Technology in the Classroom

At the Board Meeting on January 24, 2018, the administrative team provided an update on the status of one of the district goals, "To improve the level of technology integration in instruction to improve critical thinking skills."

During the presentation, the administrative team provided a timeline of our journey thus far in regard to the integration of technology. The topic of how critical thinking is being addressed at all grade levels was also included. A video clip provided visuals of the great work occurring in our classrooms in support of this district goal. One of the many highlights of this presentation was provided by a group of fifth grade students that shared how technology, especially Google Classroom, has enriched their learning environment. These students sat next to Board Members and walked them through some of the features that both students and teachers at OPS are using to support critical thinking skills and provide meaningful and timely feedback.



## Oradell Solar Update

Under New Jersey's Energy Saving Improvement Program (ESIP), the Oradell Board of Education recently completed a number of energy saving projects, including installations this past fall of a Co-Generator in our rear parking lot, and an array of solar panels that were placed on the roof.



## Jump Rope For Heart Health Education



For nearly 4 decades, Oradell Public School students have participated in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart program. Students asked family members to sponsor them as they jumped during their physical education classes. This year, students raised \$7980 that will go toward heart health education and research.

## Read Across America

During the week on February 26th, Oradell Public School joined schools around the nation in celebrating "Read Across America." The week was full of spirit activities linked to Dr. Seuss. Additionally, the Oradell PTA sponsored author visits and provided every student with a free book by the featured author. The week ended with OPS opening its doors to readers from the community including Superintendent Anzul (Top Left), New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way (Top Right), Author Jerry Pallotta (Bottom), members of the Borough Council, and members of the Board of Education.



## Wings of Peace at OPS

On March 14th, Oradell Public School implemented a school wide "Peace Day." Each community member was given the opportunity to wear a white ribbon connecting all stakeholders. The white ribbon served as a symbol that each member of the community was willing to be a superhero for peace --- using their powers to spread kindness and positivity through the school, local community and the world. Each student also wrote an action they would take to make the world a better place on a white dove that was hung on the wall.

