

#### Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District

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# Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD Receives Consolidation Study Group Options

# district shares consolidation options and related final reports

The Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD has received and released possible options for school district consolidation from the SES Study Team , as well as two additional final reports. The school district has engaged the SES Study Team in an almost yearlong analysis of its buildings, programs and services in an effort to aid the district in its ongoing objective to run more efficiently while preserving and increasing student opportunity in this changed economy. An additional report summarizes the condition of all schools and yet another reviews current food service, transportation, and building maintenance departmental operations while making some cost saving recommendations.

Mark P. Mondanaro, Superintendent of Schools indicated "We wish to thank all the employees who worked with the SES team all school year either during SES team visits, or by supplying required data, or both. The SES team has supplied possible "doable" consolidation options effective for the 2014-2015 school year as per one of the Board of Education objectives stated in the Request for Proposals almost one year ago. Neither the Superintendent nor Board of Education is making any comments on the options at this time as we are following through with our previously communicated employee and community review process. Starting next week there will be two faculty and four public sessions wherein the SES Study Team will present the study and answer questions relative to them. Following these six sessions a community-employee stakeholder "Focus Group" will review the options formally at an all-day June 8. 2013 session. The Board of Education will receive that group's reaction to and prioritization of the options after June 8 at which point the Board will decide an appropriate course of action."



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### Focus Group applications are available at:

#### http://www.kenton.k12.ny.us/Page/12763

#### The faculty and public sessions are:

- Wednesday, April 24th SES Consolidation Study Group **faculty** presentation @ Ken East @ 4PM intended for Ken-Ton employees
- Wednesday, April 24th SES Consolidation Study Group public presentation @ Ken East @ 7PM
- Thursday, April 25th SES Consolidation Study Group public presentation @ Franklin Middle @ 7PM
- Monday, April 29th SES Consolidation Study Group **faculty** presentation @ Ken West @ 4PM intended for Ken-Ton employees
- Monday, April 29th SES Consolidation Study Group public presentation @ Ken West @ 7PM
- Tuesday, April 30th SES Consolidation Study Group public presentation @ Hoover Middle @ 7PM

# All reports, including the Consolidation Options report, are posted at:

http://www.kenton.k12.ny.us/domain/1753



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