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The mission of the Liberty Central School District is to inspire all students to pursue their dreams and to contribute and thrive in a diverse community.

Building for a strong future

Liberty breaks ground, construction begins

On October 7, Liberty Central School District broke ground on the district's \$35.8 million building project, bringing together students, parents, staff and community members to celebrate the occasion.

The event at Liberty Elementary School featured music by Liberty High School's honor band and guest speakers, including State Senator John J. Bonacic.

The highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of the Treasure Chest, a unique writing project that gave some of Liberty's youngest students the chance to offer some wisdom to their future selves.

"We asked the students to write letters to themselves describing what the world is like today, what they aspire to be and how they think the world will change," explains Elementary School Principal Jeri Finnegan. "When they are seniors, they will receive their letters before graduation."

It was a fitting activity for the students, who will be among the first to benefit from the renovations and new constructions that will bring the district's facilities into the 21st century.

Liberty voters approved funding for the building project in 2007 and the district submitted its building plans to the State Education Department. The plans were approved, clearing the way for construction to begin at both the elementary school and high school. The Board of Education accepted bids for the project in July, and



Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony

construction began at the end of that month.

The footprints of buildings are in place, parking lots have been created and a new drainage infrastructure is installed.

The first phase of the building project includes a new "green" library/media center at the high school, which should be eligible for LEED Silver Certification. LEED Certification, a program administered by the U.S. Green Building Council. They assure that the building is designed to reduce negative environmental impacts and improve occupant health and well-being. The library and media center will be a "net zero building" with regard to energy usage, designed specifically to use its positioning and features (such as solar panels and daylighting strategies) to produce at least as much energy as it uses.

Other facets of the project at the high school include six new state-of-the-art science labs, locker room, bathroom and

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With Parent Portal, parents stay in the know

Parent involvement is one of the most significant factors in a child's academic success. To facilitate this, Liberty Central School District is launching SchoolTool Parent Portal, an online program that lets parents and guardians instantly access their child's school-related information.

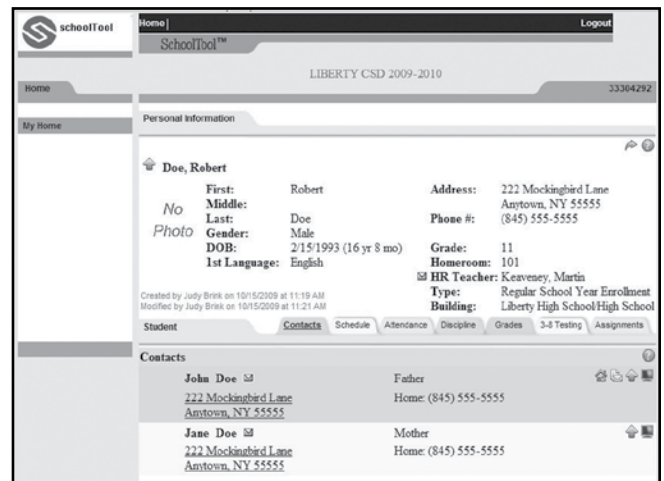
"Communication with parents and guardians is one of the most important things teachers and administrators can do to ensure that a student's education is moving in the right direction," explains Carol Napolitano, Director of Curriculum for LCS. "Parent Portal is another way that we can use technology to efficiently communicate with parents."

SchoolTool is a comprehensive student information system used by LCS faculty to record grades, attendance, demographics, calendars and more. The Parent Portal, part of SchoolTool, is a section specifically designed for parents and guardians.

In the Parent Portal, parents and guardians can view and print student-specific information, including: attendance, discipline records, report card grades, class schedules, student/parent contact information, progress reports, quarterly grades, assignments, and test grades (as determined by individual teachers).

Parents will also be able to e-mail teachers from directly within the portal.

Parent Portal will be rolled out in stages, with the high school version currently up and running. The middle school version will be available in mid-November, and the elementary



The more you know: The new Parent Portal service (pictured above) will provide parents with online access to their children's school information.

school version will be launched in January 2010. "We certainly hope that parents will take advantage of this new and exciting tool. It is an easy and fast way to stay informed and involved in their child's education," states Mrs. Napolitano.

Q&A: What parents need to know about the Parent Portal

Who is eligible to have a Parent Portal account?

Parents and/or guardians of current students are eligible to activate a Parent Portal account.

What information will be available?

Information available for viewing will include your child's:

- Schedule of classes
- Attendance, daily and by course (course attendance available for grades 7-12 only)
- Discipline history
- Progress reports (viewing and printing)
- Report cards (viewing and printing)

- Individual class averages and assignments (as determined by the teacher)

Parents will also be able to e-mail teachers from within the student schedule portion of the system

What kind of software or hardware is needed?

To use the portal, you will need a computer with Internet access and a valid e-mail account. No special software or hardware is necessary.

Will I need to set up multiple accounts if I have more than one child enrolled in LCS?

No. Once you set up one account, you will be able to view information regarding all of your children, even

if they are in different buildings. Due to the gradual roll-out of the Parent Portal for students in the different buildings, information regarding your middle school and/or elementary school student may not be available until November 2009 and January 2010, respectively.

How much does the Parent Portal cost?

Nothing—it is a free service for parents/guardians and is available at no cost to the district.

How do I set up an account?

If you are a parent/guardian of a high school student, please send an e-mail with the requested

Parent Portal Q&A

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information to hsparentportal@libertyk12.org from your current e-mail address. Your current e-mail address will then become your user name for the Parent Portal. Any e-mail correspondence through the Parent Portal between you and the school will go to this e-mail address.

If you are a parent/guardian of a middle or elementary school student, please send an e-mail to mparentportal@libertyk12.org or esparentportal@libertyk12.org, respectively.

What information should I e-mail to set up an account?

In the e-mail subject line, type "parent portal access." In the body of the e-mail, please include your name and the name and grade of your child(ren) as indicated in the school records (e.g., Joseph Smith grade 10, not Joey Smith).

If you have children in more than one building, you can include all of their names and grades in the first e-mail you send to avoid having to request those accounts sometime in the future. For example, if you have a student in the elementary school

and in the high school, you can include both students in your initial e-mail even though the elementary school Parent Portal won't be available until January 2010.

If you ONLY have a child in the elementary school, please wait until January 2010 to set up an account.

What happens after I send an e-mail to set up an account?

Within one week after you submit your request, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to log on to the Parent Portal, obtain a temporary password, change your password and navigate the portal. These instructions will also be posted on the LCS Web site at www.libertyk12.org, under the SCHOOLTOOL link on the bottom-left side of the main page.

If I have questions about this process, whom do I contact?

If your questions are not answered by the instructions on the LCS Web site, please e-mail hsparentportal@libertyk12.org for assistance, and someone will respond to you via e-mail. If you would like someone to call you, please e-mail your name, phone number and the best time to reach you. If you have questions regarding the process for a middle

or elementary school student, please send them to mparentportal@libertyk12.org or esparentportal@libertyk12.org, respectively.

When can I send my request to set up an account?

If you are a parent or guardian of a high school or middle school student, you may send your request beginning now. Please remember that information for middle school students may not be available via the portal until the week of November 16. If you are the parent or guardian of an elementary school student ONLY, you may send your request beginning January 1, 2010.

What happens if I lose or forget my password?

Please understand that the Liberty Central School District **DOES NOT** have access to your password, and no one in the district is authorized to reset your password. If you lose or forget your password, log on to the Parent Portal with your username (i.e., your e-mail address), leave the password blank, and click on the words "New User or Forgot Password?" A new password will be e-mailed to you.

Making a difference:

Megahn Burke represents Liberty at World Leadership Conference

Upon meeting **Megahn Burke**, one cannot help but think of this well-known quote by Vince Lombardi: "Leaders aren't born, they're made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work."

A junior at Liberty High School, Megahn was one of 375 students from 11 countries chosen to attend the week-long Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress (HOBY) in Washington, DC this past summer.



Megahn Burke

Her experience in our nation's capital is one that will last a lifetime. "The passion that people have for HOBY and leadership inspires me to bring that passion back to Liberty and share it," Megahn says.

A requirement of HOBY leaders is that they complete 100 hours of community service within one year. Megahn is in the midst of working on her service project—a CPR class to certify students, especially student-athletes.

Beary the Bear makes reading great fun

Liberty Elementary introduces new literacy program: "Be Excited About Reading"

When Beary the Bear leaves the library office, which he shares with Literacy Coach Sherry Fisk, and walks the halls of Liberty Elementary School, he is immediately greeted by students who want to give him a "high five," shake hands or get a hug.

Beary—literally Fisk's "right-hand man"—is the puppet that Fisk uses to implement the school's new literacy program called B.E.A.R., or Be Excited About Reading.

Developed by Fisk, B.E.A.R. is an optional program that teachers can use to demonstrate different approaches to reading comprehension, which in turn can help fosters students' desire to read.

"I felt I needed something visual to help motivate students and get them engaged in reading and writing," Fisk explains. "That's Beary's job, and he is very good at it!"

Thematic approach helps to motivate students

Beary helps by being the center of attention. The children focus on him, and the program revolves around different themes in which he plays the "lead role."

While working with first graders, Fisk dressed Beary as a firefighter for a program focused on fire safety. Through Beary, she shared fire safety poetry and collaboratively wrote



Students Owen Siegel and Deija Pizarro of Mrs. Barbuti's first-grade class show off the book of fire safety rules that Beary and Ms. Fisk (also pictured) helped their class create.

fire safety rules with the students. Students then created a book about the rules for the classroom's browsing box.

Different age levels require different themes, and Fisk and Beary are happy to accommodate.

Second graders participate in Beary Buddies, a take-home reading activity that lets students bring

home reading activities, books and one of Beary's friends who is a stuffed bear to read with.

Meanwhile, third and fourth graders focus on listening skills activities, aligning with the state's ELA assessment. For example, with Beary's help, Fisk reads aloud a non-fiction piece about a specific breed of bear, asking students to listen for facts and details. Students then complete a writing assignment based on what they've heard.

Program expansion underway

The district has already developed "spin-off" programs, including C.A.R.E.B.E.A.R., (which stands for Children at Risk in Education Being Excited About Reading) a reading club that pairs younger and older students together as reading partners.

There is also a mentoring program in the works called B.E.A.R. H.U.G., or Be Excited About Reading—Having Useful Goals. Through this program, faculty and staff mentors read with students at least ten times to complete a BEARHUG adventure.

According to Fisk, Beary does all he can to promote his reading programs, even sporting a cheerleader costume to promote the R.A.H. (Read At Home) program. With so much on his plate, students may wonder if Beary will take the time to hibernate this winter.

"I don't imagine he will," she says. "We have too many things to accomplish this year!"

Please note that Beary is washed a few times each week to ensure cleanliness and suppress the spread of germs.



The fifth-grade parent breakfast was a huge success, with more than 200 people participating! Pictured here are Kyle Simons and his father, Dennis; Joseph Decker and his father, Joe; Jason Call with his mother, Renee, and his brother; and Jarek Krebs and his father Scott.

Liberty school community puts vegetable garden to bed for the winter

After a successful inaugural year, Liberty's school vegetable garden is ready for winter. In late October, students, faculty and staff prepared the garden for colder weather with a good helping of manure and mulch and turned the soil in preparation for the 2010 planting.

The garden was started this past spring by teacher Kathie Aberman and a dedicated group of students from pre-kindergarten through high school, funded by a Sullivan Renaissance grant. The group installed fencing, prepared the soil, built a tool shed and planted seeds.

"I'm so proud of what we were able to accomplish this year," Ms. Aberman said, reflecting on the difficult, rainy summer. This year's crop included winter squash, string beans, tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, brussel sprouts, cabbage, sunflowers and marigolds.

Over the summer, produce was donated to a variety of charitable



Students work in the garden.

programs including the St. Paul's Lutheran Church food pantry, the Federation for the Homeless Soup Kitchen and the C.A.C.H.E. program. When school began, produce was also used in the school cafeteria.

With the hard work of preparing a garden behind them, Ms. Aberman and her volunteers are looking forward to getting an earlier start in 2010.

Construction

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main office renovations and a new vestibule outside the auditorium. The Elementary School work includes eight new classrooms, a new cafeteria and library/media center, the construction of a new bus loop and parking lots and relocated playgrounds and athletic fields. The district is also installing new roofing at all three schools.

By December of 2010, the new and renovated buildings of Phase I will be ready for use," says Superintendent Michael Vanyo. "This project is more than about providing much-needed

space," he explains. "We see our school as a cornerstone of the community, and we are working hard to ensure we have a well-built, state-of-the-art facility created to offer our students the best learning environment possible."

Information about the building project can be found at www.libertyk12.org. Click the "Building Project" link to see photos, architect renderings and further renderings.

STAR program changes alter some 2009 school tax bills

Some homeowners in the town of Liberty may have seen an increase in their school taxes this fall despite a decrease in the Liberty school tax rate. This was due to a decrease in the amount of the STAR exemption set by the state.

For the second year in a row, the state reduced the basic and enhanced STAR exemptions, shifting more of the tax burden to the local taxpayers.

Created in 1997, the STAR program is intended to reduce homeowners' school property taxes by exempting a portion of a home's property value from being taxed.

A typical Liberty resident eligible for the basic STAR exemption in 2008 had \$22,180 of their total assessed property value exempted from school taxes. The basic STAR exemption in 2009 fell to \$19,740. As a result, even though the Liberty tax rate dropped from \$32.97 in 2008 to \$32.25 in 2009, the typical homeowner experienced an increase of about \$22.65 in their tax bill because more of their total property value was taxable.

There was also a decrease for Liberty homeowners eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. This year, the exemption amount was reduced from \$41,990 to \$37,920. For a homeowner with a house assessed at \$100,000, this translated into a net school tax increase of \$89.49.

Why STAR exemptions change

Each year, STAR exemption amounts for every municipality change based on the municipality's equalization rates. These are set by the state to reflect fluctuations in housing market values.

Until 2007, the state mandated that the STAR exemption for each

Liberty athletes heat up the fall

An early glimpse of winter weather in October may have thwarted Liberty's Pride Weekend events, but Liberty's student athletes have given the community plenty to be proud of this fall.

Spirit Week took place October 13-16 culminating in a pep rally on "red-and-white day." The energized crowd cheered on their favorite fall teams, especially the football team, who were battling for their place in sectionals. A 17-13 win over Sullivan West in late October gave the Indians their Class C Football Semifinals place, and their ticket to sectionals. On November 7, the team went on to battle Ellenville for the Class C Championship in Kingston. Although defeated 27-0, the team is commended for having played an unyielding game and for outstanding sportsmanship.

Several other fall teams were involved in sectional play, including the boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams and the cross country team, which took

its first-ever Division IV championship over Tri-Valley on October 13.

Liberty varsity volleyball made noticeable strides this year with new coach Lori Kachelmeyer teaching the sport with energy and enthusiasm to a new ensemble of players. This program has been developing for the past five years, and the team competed passionately this season. The girls' tennis team, led by senior standout Jill Lieberman, also made notable improvements as it faced strong competition this fall.

"The success of our teams is the result of preparation and hard work on the part of our coaches and athletes," says Athletic Director Jason Semo. "With so many teams competing in sectional play this post-season, it's clear that the off-season commitment of our student athletes has paid off. We're proud of the consistent effort and sportsmanship they demonstrate every time they take the field."

Team camaraderie extends beyond the field

Girls varsity soccer team supports captain's fundraising efforts

When Liberty senior and soccer team Captain Jeni Stolow asked her teammates to support her during this year's Alzheimer's Walk, she expected a few donations. What she got was so much more.

Eight teammates joined her for the Walk, and others raised money for its sponsor, the Alzheimer's Association. In total, the team raised more than \$600 in honor of Jeni's grandfather, who lost his battle with the disease five years ago.

"The girls took this benefit to heart, and we walked as a team," Jeni says.

Fundraising isn't the only off-the-

field service that this close-knit team is involved in. Some team members volunteer with Coach Anne Ramos for a developmental soccer program for elementary students, while others tutor fellow teammates to help them maintain solid academic grades.



Supporting Jeni Stolow's efforts to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association were (back row, L-R) Maria Lourdes Romero, Yazmin Romero, Stefani Davidson, Paulina Kleinberger, Kirsten Sauer, (second row, L-R) Coach Ramos, Guadalupe Perez, Jeni Stolow, and Lara Gottschalk.

Music and art happenings

LIBERTY STUDENTS IN AREA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Six LHS music students have been selected to participate in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Music Festival on Nov. 20-21 hosted this year by Liberty High School.

Congratulations to Cherice Wallace Hill, Taylir Lorino, Danielle Strassman, Christine Lazar, Dillon Cerullo, and Zanada Reynolds. These students are active members of the performing ensembles at LHS and were selected for this honor based on NYSSMA Solo Festival ratings and director recommendations.

For information or to purchase tickets, contact Mr. Siegel at siegelgar@libertyk12.org or (845) 292-5400, ext. 5117.

WINTER CONCERTS ON TAP

Come enjoy the musical talents of LCS students. All concerts are free, open to the public and begin at 7 p.m. in the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at Liberty High School (unless otherwise noted).

Wednesday, Dec. 2 (snow date 12/7):

HS Concert Part I, featuring Honors Chamber Orchestra, Honors Chorus, Honors Band and Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 (snow date 12/15):

HS Concert Part II, featuring Symphonic Band, Mixed Chorus, String Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble.

Thursday, Dec. 10 (snow date 12/14):

MS Concert Part I, featuring 7/8th-Grade String Orchestra, 7/8th-Grade Concert Choir, 7/8th-Grade Band and MS Jazz Ensemble.

Friday, Dec. 11, at 12:45 p.m.:

MS Winter Concert Assembly, featuring 7/8th-Grade Chorus, 7/8th-Grade Band and MS Jazz Ensemble.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 (snow date 12/17):

MS Concert Part II, featuring MS Woodwind Ensemble, 5/6th-Grade Orchestra, 5/6th-Grade Chorus and 5/6th-Grade Band

Friday, Dec. 18, at 8:30 a.m. in LES Gym:

Elementary School Concert Assembly

Meet Liberty's new head chef: Pedro Hernandez

By all accounts, lunch at LCS has changed since Head Chef Pedro Hernandez joined the team. Pizza day used to be plain or pepperoni. But now, students choose from plain, pepperoni, taco, ham and pineapple, and chicken—just to name a few.



Pedro Hernandez

A former restaurant and hotel chef, Pedro brings 32 years of experience to LCS, and students and faculty are eating it up. Pedro learned his craft when he came to the United States from Puerto Rico as a young man.

“My brother in Monticello said that there was a lot of opportunity here, so I came here,” he explains.

Pedro has worked at some well-known establishments in Sullivan County including the big three hotels—Kutsher’s, The Concord and Grossingers. He also made his mark at restaurants such as Albert’s Liberty House, Richard’s Steak House, The Dodge Inn and the Triangle Diner.

According to Liberty’s assistant chef Christine Klein, Pedro is a joy to work with. “Because of his background, he plays a part in everything we make here,” she says. “He can’t stay away from the actual cooking part of the job, and the kids love him. He makes quesadillas, chicken tenders, ravioli and a Mexican pizza with chorizo that is fantastic!”

LUNCH MENU-DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Tuna Salad Plate Sandwich Variety	2 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	3 Ckn Chow Mein/Rice Tuna Salad Plate Sandwich Variety	4 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Variety
7 Beef Taco Tuna Salad Plate Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	8 Chicken Patty/Bun Sandwich Variety	9 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	10 Sloppy Joe/Bun Tuna Salad Plate Sandwich Variety	11 Macaroni & Cheese Tuna Salad Plate Sandwich Variety
14 Hamburger/Bun Sandwich Variety Cheese Pizza Hero Variety	15 Chicken Patty/Bun Sandwich Variety	16 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	17 Sloppy Joe/Bun Tuna Salad Plate Sandwich Variety	18 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Variety
21 Hot Dog on Roll Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	22 Chicken Patty/Bun Sandwich Variety	23 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	24 School Closed (Winter Recess)	25 School Closed (Winter Recess)
28 School Closed (Winter Recess)	29 School Closed (Winter Recess)	30 School Closed (Winter Recess)	31 School Closed (Winter Recess)	

LUNCH MENU-JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 School Closed (New Year’s Day)
4 Hot Dog on Roll Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety Hero Variety	5 Chicken Patty Sandwich/Hero Variety Cheese Pizza	6 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety Hero Variety	7 Sloppy Joe Tuna Salad Plate Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	8 Grilled Cheese Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety Hero Variety
11 Chicken Patty Sandwich/Hero Variety Cheese Pizza	12 Beef Taco Tuna Salad Plate Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety	13 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety Hero Variety	14 Baked Meatloaf Egg Salad Sandwich Hero Variety	15 Macaroni & Cheese Tuna Salad Plate Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety
18 School Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	19 Hamburger/Bun Sandwich/Hero Variety Cheese Pizza	20 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety Hero Variety	21 Chicken Chow Mein Tuna Salad Plate Sandwich Variety	22 Grilled Cheese Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety Hero Variety
25 Chicken Patty Sandwich/Hero Variety Cheese Pizza	26 Hot Dog on Roll Cheese Pizza Sandwich/Hero Variety	27 Cheese Pizza Sandwich Variety Hero Variety	28 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Tuna Salad Plate Sandwich Variety	29 Grilled Cheese Cheese Pizza Sandwich/Hero Variety

Federal maximum income guidelines for reduced-price school meals

Families may apply for free or reduced-price meals at any time during the school year if their incomes meet the following federal guidelines. For a more detailed chart on income eligibility, visit www.libertyk12.org. For more information on how to apply, please visit your school office or call Audrey Woolard at (845) 292-6990, ext. 2057.

Substitute Teachers Needed:

If interested, contact: Rita DeMayo
845-292-5400 ext. 2053 or
fill out a non-instructional application at
<http://www.libertyk12.org/central/noninstructionalapp.pdf>.
Three (3) letters of reference required.

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H1N1—Stay informed, stay healthy!

According to the New York Department of Health, the latest figures regarding H1N1 show this flu strain spreading throughout the state. Governor Patterson has declared a State Disaster Emergency with regard to H1N1, which will provide additional personnel and flexibility to local governments as they work to effectively vaccinate New Yorkers.

LCS continues to take the threat of this flu virus seriously and strongly encourages all teachers, staff and community members to take the proper precautions to prevent its spread. Please remember these important basics:

FOLLOW RIGOROUS SANITATION & HYGIENE PRACTICES. Be sure everyone in the family washes hands with soap and water often. Cover sneezes and coughs with tissues, if possible; if not, sneeze or cough into your elbow or shoulder—not into your hands.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS, which include fever of 100 degrees F or higher, cough, sore throat, body aches, chills, vomiting, diarrhea and/or fatigue.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS after no longer having a fever or signs of one. This should be determined without the use of fever-reducing medications.

HAVE A PLAN. Create a contingency plan for childcare and transportation to and from school in the event that you or your child must stay home or leave school or work in the middle of the day due to illness.

Please note that incidences of student and staff with flu-like symptoms will not automatically close school, and the district will not notify the community every time a student has a flu-like illness.

The district will continue to work with the state and county health departments on all issues related to the flu. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our students and schools healthy. Please check the Liberty Web site (www.libertyk12.org) for updates and helpful links about H1N1.

STAR program

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municipality be at least 95 percent of what it was the prior year. However, in 2008, that “floor” of 95 percent was changed to 90 percent, due in large part to the downturn in the real estate market. This year, the “floor” was lowered again, to 89 percent—meaning that exemption amounts could be as much as 11 percent less than the prior year’s.

School districts have no control over STAR exemption amounts. Despite the increase in homeowners’ tax bills, the school district did not collect additional revenue because of this change. The state is simply paying a smaller share of each homeowner’s school tax bill.

Rebate program discontinued

This year, the state also eliminated the Middle Class STAR Rebate Program. This rebate program, launched in 2007, provided homeowners with a rebate check each fall—separate from the exemption program. Lawmakers discontinued this program this year in an effort to close the state’s budget deficit.

For more information, please contact District Treasurer and Business Manager Lorine Lamerand at (845) 292-5400, ext. 2060.