



Nauset's Schools **NEED YOUR HELP!**

ORLEANS TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 2

FISCAL YEAR 2012 CONTINGENCY BUDGET

If passed, Article 2 will provide an additional \$61,820 of funding for Orleans Elementary School, \$19,281 for Nauset Middle & High School, and \$38,784 for Cape Cod Tech. These funds are **ABSOLUTELY VITAL** to maintain EXCELLENCE in our schools and avoid devastating cuts. The tax increase for a home assessed at \$500,000 to fund all three budgets (\$119,345) is approx. \$16.50 per year. *The total net increase in 11-12 for all three budgets is 2.3%*

VOTE!

Town Meeting Mon. May 9 - 6:30 PM

Nauset Middle School Gymnasium

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Orleans Elementary School - \$61,820

- Rising costs, unfunded mandates, and dramatic reductions in state aid have resulted in severe cuts to programs and services for our youngest students. We have the opportunity to support our children & schools.
- If Article 2 passes, we will be able to maintain reasonable class sizes, make needed facility repairs, and keep services for struggling students.

Nauset Regional Middle School & High School - \$19,281

- Increased costs for items that are beyond the schools' control such as utilities, special education, and health insurance, all contribute to expenses rising much faster than 2½%.
- For the past five years the schools' have cut staff, programs, services, and supplies to keep within the limits of Prop. 2 1/2.
- **These funds are to MAINTAIN existing staff and RESTORE necessary programs: math, science, foreign language, music & art teachers. guidance counselors, technology, and special education.**

Cape Cod Vocational / Technical School - \$38,784

- With increasing enrollment and declining state aid, the school can not maintain the quality and variety of programs that provide many of our students with critical job skills when they graduate.

What could happen if the Articles do not pass?

- Orleans Elementary would have to consider reducing instruction in art, music, technology, Spanish or physical education. Tutoring programs could be eliminated and needed facility repairs would be deferred.
- Nauset High School & Middle School would see increased class sizes, reduction of foreign language, art & music programs, reduction of guidance services and no updated technology.

What should I do?

- Be informed. Ask questions. Go to Town Meeting on Mon. May 9th at 6:30 PM @ Nauset Middle School. ***STAND AND BE COUNTED!***
- Bring a friend or neighbor with you. This vote is very important!

**Please VOTE
at Town Meeting
Monday, May 9 - 6:30 PM
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