

# **SALISBURY-ELK LICK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **Notice of Opportunity Scholarships**

### **Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child**

Dear Salisbury-Elk Lick High School Parent or Guardian,

The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTCP) was created pursuant to Act 85 of 2012 (72 P.S. §1701-G.1, *et seq.*). This program enables eligible students residing within the boundaries of a low-achieving school to apply for a scholarship to attend a participating public or nonpublic school. A low achieving school is defined as a public elementary or secondary school ranking in the bottom 15 percent of its designation as an elementary or secondary school. This ranking is solely based upon the combined math and reading scores from the previous school year's PASA/PSSA and/or Keystone exams.

**Public education in Pennsylvania has recently moved to a common core set of standards which directly effects curriculum and state testing mandates. Our school district has committed to customizing learning opportunities for students using the newest and best educational tools. In doing so, we have the primary educational focus of preparing students for the future career and college pursuits. We do not take the state assessments lightly, nor our accountability to perform better, and we will work harder to improve this one measure, while continuing to do all we can to ensure we graduate well rounded students who are prepared for their future and inspired to be lifelong learners.**

The scholarships are funded by businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations in exchange for a tax credit. The number of scholarships available to parents depends on the amount of contributions made by businesses.

Salisbury-Elk Lick Jr/Sr High School Parent is on the list of the bottom 15 percent for combined performance on the math/algebra 1 and reading/literature tests on the 2015 PASA/PSSA and/or Keystone exams.

Opportunity scholarships will be awarded by approved opportunity scholarship organizations, not the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The list of opportunity scholarship organizations is available on DCED's website, [www.newpa.com/ostc](http://www.newpa.com/ostc). This link provides specific instructions on how to contact approved opportunity scholarship organizations. Additional information is available on our school district's website [www.selsd.com](http://www.selsd.com) and on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website at [www.education.state.pa.us](http://www.education.state.pa.us).

Sincerely,

Kenneth Fusina

Enclosures: Additional OSTCP Information

