

# Carey's School Plan Limits Aid To Some Local Districts

**BY TERRY KOCH**  
**ALBANY**—Four of St. Lawrence County's school districts would suffer cuts in their safe harmless-flat grant state aid under Gov. Hugh Carey's proposed new state aid plan, which in any case is not expected to survive the state legislature.

Those four districts—Canton, Clifton-Fine, Colton-Pierrepoint and Massena—would still show an increase in their overall state aid. But the hike would be limited; Canton, for example, would see an increase of less than one-half of 1 percent, while Massena, the highest of the four, would get a 5 percent hike.

In Clifton-Fine and Pierrepoint, some of the reduction in safe harmless-flat grant aid comes in the last three months of the current 1979-80 school year. That money has already been budgeted by the districts.

Statewide, 250 districts would be hit by safe harmless-flat grant reductions

during the current year, and 336 would be affected in the 1980-81 school year.

Under the plan, the Potsdam Central School District would receive a total of \$2,920,823 in state aid for the 1980-81 school year, an increase of \$93,238, or 3.29 percent, over 1979-80.

The safe harmless-flat grant cuts are part of Gov. Carey's plan to slash state aid by 2 percent. He is hoping to reduce those portions of state school aid by \$47.7 million for April, May and June, the last three months of the 1979-80 school year, statewide. The affected districts would not get all of the money that they had planned to get during the current year, even though that money has already been figured into their budgets.

**Plan Under Fire**  
 Carey's plan is considered highly controversial, and already it has come under fire by one of the two major teachers' unions.

New York State United Teachers

(NYSUT), through its vice president Dan Sanders, is calling Carey's proposed aid cuts "devastating." He predicted a "huge school tax increase" at the local level or a "drastic cut in educational services for public school children" if the governor's proposals are passed.

"In a time of 13 percent inflation," Sanders said, "to actually reduce education aid in nearly half of the state's public schools is incredulous," and he anticipated it will "touch off a major battle on education aid."

The teachers' union is attempting to introduce its own aid plan, set at \$370,000,000, that Sanders said would provide "at least" a 4 percent increase to every district in the state "and significantly larger amounts to the poorer districts." NYSUT's proposal would offer increases of from 4 to 25 percent.

The following are figures for the four

districts hit by safe harmless-flat grant aid cuts:

Canton—No reduction in 1979-80, \$32,540 cut in 1980-81. Net aid totals after reductions, \$2,984,924, \$2,997,369, up \$12,445 or .41 percent.

Clifton-Fine—\$3,999 reduction in 1979-80, no reduction in 1980-81. Net aid totals after reductions, \$912,917 (1979-80), \$966,513 (80-81), up \$53,596 or 5.87 percent.

Colton-Pierrepoint—\$58,228 reduction in 1979-80, \$49,896 reduction in 1980-81. Net aid totals, \$272,951 (79-80), \$276,737 (80-81), up \$3,786 or 1.38 percent.

Massena—No reductions in 1979-80, \$9,511 in 1980-81. Net aid totals, \$5,131,520, \$5,388,939, up \$257,419 or 5.01 percent.

The following are figures for the remainder of the county's districts.

The first figure is total aid 1979-80, the second is 80-81, and the third is the in-

crease by amount, the fourth is the percentage of increase:

Brasher Falls, \$2,657,847, \$2,948,262, up \$290,415, or 10.92 percent.

Edwards, \$601,081, \$612,758, up \$2,165 or 1.58 percent.

Gouverneur, \$3,661,728, \$3,796,606, up \$134,878 or 3.68 percent.

Hammond, \$437,333, \$488,243, up \$1,831 or 11.17 percent.

Herkon-DeKalb, \$1,111,588, \$1,210,337, up \$98,749 or 8.88 percent.

Heuvelton, \$1,468,515, \$1,506,836, up \$38,321 or 2.60 percent.

Lisbon, \$1,487,225, \$1,572,811, up \$85,586 or 5.75 percent.

Madrid-Waddington, \$2,044,303, \$2,099,772, up \$55,469 or 2.71 percent.

Morristown, \$861,072, \$951,088, up \$90,016 or 10.54 percent.

Norwood-Norfolk, \$3,051,513, \$3,211,270, up \$159,757 or 5.23 percent.

Parishville, \$990,029, \$1,082,784, up \$92,755 or 9.36 percent.

Potsdam, \$2,827,595, \$2,920,823, up \$93,228 or 3.29 percent.

Knox Memorial (Russell), \$857,886, \$878,547, up \$20,661 or 2.40 percent.

## 'Fair Weather Olympiads' Theme Of Tri-Town Winter Carnival

**BRASHER FALLS** — "Fair Weather Olympiads" is the theme of the 15th annual Tri-Town Winter Carnival, scheduled to be held Feb. 14-17.

The Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the popular event, chose the winning theme from over 30 entries. Salena Bero, Winthrop, submitted the winning theme with a cleverly written poem about this year's winter carnival.

Her poem follows:

"We are the Tri-Towners of the 1980's Winter Olympic neighbors!  
 We are the Tri-Towners and the Olympics fair weather friends!  
 We want to shout across the state to New York Harbor!  
 We sure are proud and hope our friendship never ends!"

"We're all ready for fun and games and everybody's aboard!  
 We'll jump on our ski-doo's come rain, sunshine, sleet or snow.  
 We'll play "Tug-a-war" and pull and pull 'til we break the cord.  
 And all the sleepy heads we'll put into beds and down the street they go."

"For we are the Tri-Towners of the 1980's Winter Olympics neighbors.  
 We are the Tri-Towners and the Olympic fair weather friends!  
 We want to shout across the state to New York Harbor!  
 We are proud and hope our friendship never ends."

Ms. Bero will receive a free dinner for

two at the Royalty Kick-off Dinner on Feb. 14 and two free general admission buttons to be used throughout the winter carnival.

The committee thanked all of those people who submitted entries.

Mike Best, parade chairman, has invited all clubs and organizations to enter a float in the parade on Feb. 15. Entry forms are available by writing or calling the chamber office: P. O. Box 117, Brasher Falls, N.Y., or at 389-3455 or by calling Mike Best 389-4706.

**Heart Fund Drive**  
**Is Feb. 4-18**

Gen Harrington and June Rocker have been named co-chairmen in the Potsdam area for the 1980 fund-raising drive for the Heart Fund. The drive will be conducted this year from Feb. 4 through 18.

That announcement was made by Katherine Schwarzkopf, director of the St. Lawrence County Advisory Council of the Heart Association.

As chairmen they will coordinate volunteers who will distribute information on how the "Heart Dollar" was spent in support of research, education and community service programs. The aim is to reduce early death and disability from heart disease and stroke.

The following volunteers will serve in the February campaign: Grace Jenack, publicity; Joe Calipari, Geoffrey Rogers and Dan Hayden, businesses; Liz Blood, nurses and doctors; Fran Cubley, special gifts; Pat Cullen, Bill Sloan, Arlene Hunter, SUCP; Don Dangremond, Clarkson.

Resident solicitations are as follows: Naomi Balukjian, Kathy Batson, June Bovay, Jean Carter, Shirley Christman, Patricia Cook, Jane Corbett, Fran Dixon, Mrs. Frank Dunn, Terry Gallagher, Mrs. Reginald Grace, Geraldine Griffith, Virginia Gilligan, Ruth Haley, Mrs. Leroy Hansen, Barbara Hartle, Betty Holden, Mary Hubbard, Rosalee Jados, Mrs. John Koch, Mary Lou Koolman, Mae LaBrake.

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The Potsdam agency of New York State High School Equivalency Testing Program announced that the next examination will be given at Potsdam High School on Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with an hour for lunch.

Applications for the test are available at any high school principal's office. The completed applications must be forwarded to Richard C. Irwin, chief testing agent, Potsdam Senior High School, by Feb. 8.

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