In anticipation of another very difficult budget year, the Board of Education has formed working groups to scrutinize specific budget issues.

These groups include community volunteers and Board members who have worked together as fact finders, charged with examining issues. They will present their findings to the full Board for discussion at public meetings.

On **Monday, October 18, at 6:30 pm in the George Inness Little Theatre** at Montclair High School (enter through the main doors on Park Street) at the public portion of the meeting, the Board of Education will hear from two of the working groups: "**Pay to Participate**" and "**Transportation.**" These are two complex areas with numerous scenarios and consequences.

- **Pay to Participate** is looking at the feasibility of charging fees for participation in athletics and extra-curricular activities.
- **Transportation** is investigating possible options for reducing the district's student transportation costs.

This is an opportunity for all members of the community to become familiar with issues that the Board will be considering during the upcoming budget season. Your attendance is encouraged and we hope to see you there.