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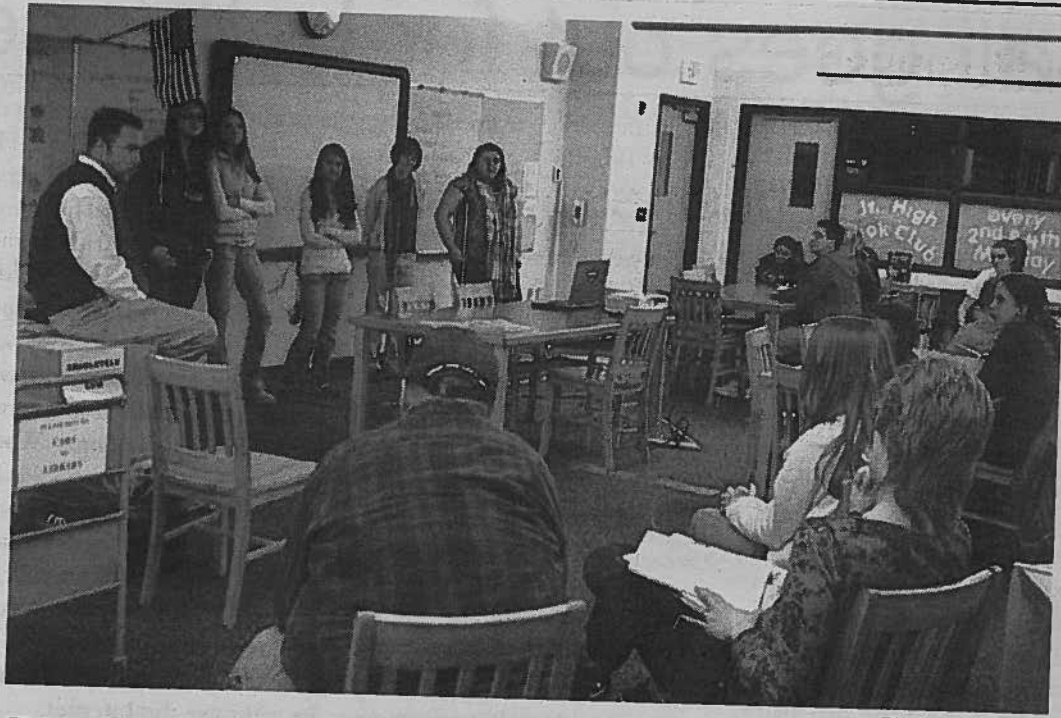
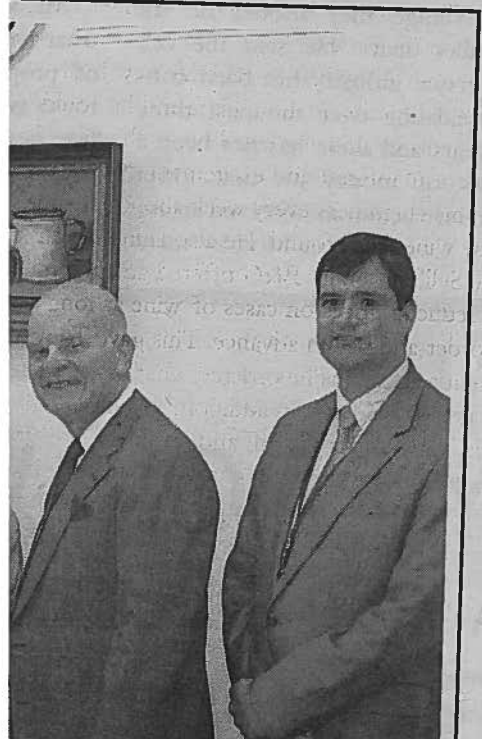


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### Educating about education

*Tech Valley High School Counselor Dean Walker and current students and teachers talked to prospective students and parents at the Hudson Information Session on TVHS last Thursday. Shown (l-r) are Mr. Walker (seated); TVHS junior Leilani Yasutake, from Germantown; TVHS sophomore Jackie Hall, from Hudson; TVHS freshman Rokeya Sultana, from Hudson; TVHS teacher April Nelson; and TVHS sophomore Siana Botts, from Germantown. Prospective students from two counties attended the session. Applications to attend the school are due to each student's home school district by Friday.*



## Governor presses his school budget 'By the Numbers'

ALBANY—As school administrations and boards all over the county struggle to prepare for likely cuts in state aid in the next school year, Governor David Paterson's office released a summary of what the executive budget does and does not propose in a format the governor calls "By the Numbers."

The executive budget budget recommends \$20.5 billion for school aid, a reduction of \$1.1 billion or 5% from 2009-10. The governor says that the numbers show that the vast majority of school districts

during that period

- 2% proposed 2010-11 year-to-year reduction (\$1.1 billion) as a percentage of overall school district budgets (\$52 billion), including State and local contributions

- \$15,536 is New York's per-pupil overall education spending, 61% above the national average

- \$7,328 is New York's per-pupil spending on school district employee salaries, 71% above the national average

- \$2,901 is New York's per-pupil spending on school district employee benefits, 100%