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County Executive Joanie Mahoney Updates “Consensus Fact Check” Website

Next Topic: State Mandates

ONONDAGA COUNTY- County Executive Joanie Mahoney today released today the next update for the newly created Consensus Fact Check website. The topic is state mandates and their impact on the Onondaga County budget.

Unfortunately the trend of purposefully misleading the public with bad or incomplete information has continued and this time it is the topic of state mandates. When the source of the misinformation is a public official, it is particularly harmful because it is likely to be accepted as fact.

County Executive Joanie Mahoney said, “The public deserves the respect of having complete and accurate information. State mandates are not going up and using them as an excuse for not figuring out how we can do better on the local level is politics at its worst.”

Mahoney continued, “Taxpayers can see for themselves if they access their own tax bills online. The web address is www.ocfintax.ongov.net/imate/search.aspx. The very first line on the County property tax bill is labeled “state mandated costs” and you will see that what Comptroller continues to say is patently false. Additionally, state mandates account for less than half of the County budget and are not what is driving property tax bills anymore.”

A breakdown of the effect state mandates have on the Onondaga County budget can be found online by visiting www.ongov.net/consensus.

County Executive Mahoney continued, “Every dollar we figure out how to save by working together is one fewer dollar we have to collect property tax for. Pretending otherwise is irresponsible.”

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