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Agreement reached on lawsuit.



LEFT: Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and MCSBA Executive Director Jody Siegle at the news conference.

At a news conference held this afternoon, July 9, Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and MCSBA Executive Director Jody Siegle announced that the county has accepted the terms set out by the NYS Appellate Court and will pay what is owed in sales tax revenues to all affected school districts.

According to the terms of the agreement, the county will resume full payment of sales tax revenues with its 2009 budget, and will also pay what is owed to the school districts from the current year using a payment schedule that begins with the 2010 county budget. Details of this agreement will be negotiated by attorneys for the county and its school districts. Once the details are determined, the plan will be considered for approval by the Monroe County Legislature and the School Boards of affected school districts.



RIGHT: John Abbott (MCSBA Treasurer, BOCES 2 Board Member, East Irondequoit Deputy Superintendent), being interviewed at the news conference.



ABOVE: MCSBA President Rome Celli (center) and MCCOSS President Jim Fallon being interviewed after the news conference by Ray Levato of News 10.

LEFT: Jim Fallon, President of the Monroe County Council of School Superintendents, being interviewed.

Statement by MCSBA Executive Director Jody Siegle

“As a representative of the county’s school districts, I am very pleased to join the County Executive in announcing the end of the sales tax lawsuit,” said Siegle. “Our county and our school districts now agree about the continuing sharing of sales tax revenue. As we end this lawsuit, the County and schools are committed to working together to settle the remaining details. We are both determined that our new collaboration will serve the best interests of this community.”