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**ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADOPTS FINAL BUDGET FOR 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR**

(Allentown, PA, June 30, 2006) –At a special public meeting held on Thursday, June 29, 2006, the Allentown School District Board of Directors approved a budget in the amount of \$178,288,647 for fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The proposed expenditures for next year translate into 1.208 mill increase per taxable assessed property, which is well within the state “cap” of 5.7 percent, which would allow for an increase of 2.38 mills. The 2006-2007 total tax rate would be 42.942 mills of which .572 mills is for payment to the Allentown Public Library; 1 mill generates roughly \$1.495 million. The majority of the board voted for adoption.

Superintendent Dr. Karen S. Angello noted, “Balancing needs of students and taxpayers is always the most challenging part of this process. With increases in fuel costs, increased staffing requirements because the District is growing, and finding sufficient funds to replenish and update textbooks, we must be certain that our estimates are accurate so that financial needs are met.”

## **About Allentown School District**

As the fourth largest of 501 districts throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allentown School District educates approximately 18,100 students in 22 pre-school, elementary, middle and high schools located throughout the City of Allentown, and employs over 2,000 administrators, teaching professionals and staff members. Enrollment is projected to grow by approximately 400 more students, or 2.2 percent in 2006-2007. 2005 PSSA scores revealed almost 2/3 of all students were in the basic, proficient or advanced testing categories. Almost 70% of ASD's students take part in a district-wide free or subsidized lunch program.

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