East side schools rank high

Pittsford is area's top school district for the sixth year

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The annual ranking of upstate New York schools by Buffalo Business First is being rolled out this month, and its findings in the Rochester area are little changed from previous years. For the sixth year in a row, Pittsford was judged the best district in the eight-county area centered around Monroe County, based on its state test scores and graduation rate from 2011 through 2014. The Rochester School District is only three miles away but is separated by 66 spots in the rankings, rating dead last again.

Seven of the top 10 districts are on the east side of Monroe County. Pittsford is followed in order by Honeoye Falls-Lima, Penfield, Brighton, Fairport, Victor, West Irondequoit, Webster, Geneseo and Avon.

The 10 top individual elementary schools are all in Penfield, Pittsford and West Irondequoit, in the estimation of the researchers, with Cobbles in Penfield topping the list. Pittsford Sutherland

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and Mendon are 1-2 among high schools.

The other districts joining Rochester at the bottom of the rankings are similar in having high poverty rates. They are mostly rural districts in outlying counties: South Seneca in Seneca County, Clyde-Savannah in Wayne County and Addison in Steuben County.

The districts rated best in diversity were Geneva, East Irondequoit and Rochester. Victor was chosen as both the most cost-effective and the district with the best administrative efficiency.

More ratings, including a list that ranks all the districts in upstate New York against one another, will be released throughout the month.

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