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## Work has begun at RiverBend build site

Progress makes way for Buffalo Billion keystone

By DAVID ROBINSON  
NEWS BUSINESS REPORTER

Work has begun at the RiverBend site in South Buffalo, where one of the world's biggest solar panel factories – a keystone in Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's Buffalo Billion initiative – will be built.

The project's developer, Buffalo-based contractor LPCiminelli, has been on site doing environmental studies and early-stage testing, as well as some technical work to better understand the property's geology.

Workers from National Grid are not yet on site, but they have been doing extensive planning about bringing electric service to the 88-acre site and the power-hungry principal tenant.

Work is expected to accelerate within weeks, after a City of Buffalo agency closes on the sale of the RiverBend property to the state. That closing could occur next week, sources familiar with the deal said, clearing the way for the state to begin its work.

Since the mid-June announcement that SolarCity was acquiring solar panel maker Silevo, the state has had serious discussions with company executives about the project, Cuomo has said. Silevo had planned to occupy most of the first 275,000-square-foot building in the complex, but SolarCity now says it wants the Buffalo factory to have five times the capacity that Silevo had envisioned. So plans for the site are being revised.

SolarCity's plan would boost the fac-

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## Buffalo to review criteria for admissions at top schools

After complaints to the Office of Civil Rights, district agrees to examine – and potentially revise – selection process at City Honors, Olmsted and others



Robert Kirkham/Buffalo News

City Honors School is one of the Buffalo school district's criteria-based schools that may see its admissions practices change.

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The Buffalo school district has agreed to review, revise and/or expand the admissions process and selection criteria at its criteria-based schools in order to resolve complaints filed with the federal government about under-representation of minority students in those schools.

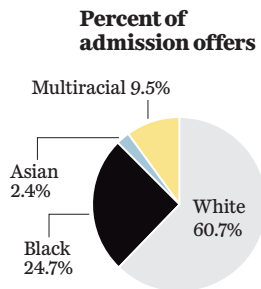
That means more minority students are likely to be admitted to City Honors, Olmsted 64 and Olmsted 156, Leonardo DaVinci High School, Hutchinson-Central Technical High School, Emerson School of Hospitality and the Academy for Visual and Performing Arts. All these schools, except Performing Arts, are deemed schools in good standing by the state Education Department.

The action is a result of a complaint three district parents filed last year with the U.S. Education Department's Office of Civil Rights in New York, alleging the dis-

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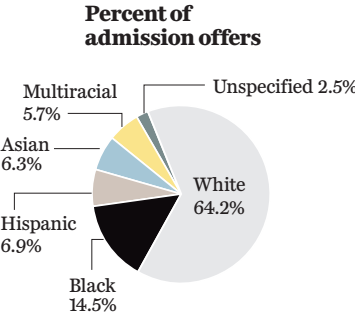
### Olmsted School 64 / Admission rates by race

Race	Number of applicants	Percent of applicants	Number of admission offers
White	262	46.5%	51
Black	226	40.1%	23
Hispanic	1	0.2%	0
Asian	19	3.4%	2
Multiracial	42	7.4%	8
Unspecified	11	2.0%	0
TOTAL	564	100.0%	84



### City Honors / Admission rates by race

Race	Number of applicants	Percent of applicants	Number of admission offers
White	268	51.7%	102
Black	128	24.7%	23
Hispanic	42	8.1%	11
Asian	35	6.8%	10
Multiracial	15	2.9%	9
Unspecified	25	4.8%	4
TOTAL	518	100.0%	159



Source: U.S. Dept. of Education Office of Civil Rights

## Inside The News

### Gaza tensions felt during Ramadan

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip – War during Ramadan has a particular tension. It is not just the normal anxiety of airstrikes in a crowded city, no matter how carefully Israel tries to target them. It's actually a variety of factors, including a particularly hot and humid Gazan July. *Story on A4.*

## State lawn mower hoax goes viral

### Fake message claims new \$10 inspection fee

By MELINDA MILLER  
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

It is time to step away from the email, click off from Facebook and return to reality, New Yorkers.

You will not have to register your lawn mowers.

There is no inspection required, and no penalty to be paid.

The assertion going viral online that New York State lawn mower owners would have to haul their machines to inspection stations every year and plunk down \$10 annually for a sticker so they can cut the grass is a hoax.

Not as many people were skeptical of the notice as one might think. Just ask the staff of the Chautauqua County Clerk's Office.

"We have had people calling – they are upset," said Tracie Kaminski Haskin, deputy county clerk. "They wonder who's going to be

checking on this, and how do they know if people are wearing OSHA-approved gear."

The callers have been all ages and genders, and Kaminski Haskin said even her friends have been asking her about it on Facebook.

This is what the message says about this new way the state supposedly found to get money from its residents:

"Starting in August 15, 2014 you have have (sic) your lawn mower

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