

# Collaboration Showcase

A Dessert Forum sponsored by the  
Erie County Association  
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**Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009**  
**Erie 1 BOCES**

**355 Harlem Road, West Seneca**

## Promoting Partnerships in Public Education, Inc.

### Our Mission

*is to serve as a catalyst  
to identify, encourage  
and promulgate collaborative efforts  
that can advance efficiencies,  
equity and effectiveness  
in school districts throughout our region.*

**We believe ...** that quality education is not just test scores and rankings, but a thoughtful integration of academics, socio-cultural and community concerns.

**We believe ...** that this integrative effort is best achieved in partnership with the schools and other educational and community resources.

**We believe ...** that this partnership of collective care, attention and resources creates improved student learning and healthier communities in which our students live and learn.

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# Program Agenda

**6:30-7:00**

**Registration and Informal Networking and Dessert Station**

**7:00-7:05**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks** from Lake Shore Central School District, recipient of the 2007-08 Hodgson Russ Award for Outstanding Collaboration

**7:05-7:35**

**Session 1: Cross-Cultural Exchange**

**7:35-8:05**

**Session 2: Closing the Gap**

**8:05-8:15**

**Break**

**8:15-9:00**

**Session 3: Consolidation and Centralized Business Services**

### 7:05-7:35pm ... Collaboration in Preparing Students for Globalization

The Lake Shore Central School District has embraced a student exchange effort to promote the mutual exchange of systems, curriculum, instructional practices and support services. "It is our over-arching purpose to develop and educate our children to be able to successfully compete in a global economy," says Lake Shore School Superintendent Jeffrey Rabey. The effort has begun with 26 Chinese students from a middle school affiliated with Jilin University in Changchun, Jilin Province, China.

### 7:35-8:05pm ... Student Achievement: Multiple Partners, One Goal

Closing the Gap is a school-based partnership of education, human and community service delivery systems that promotes resiliency, helps students succeed academically, and provides necessary family supports. A number of agency providers make up this partnership, coordinated by a Site Facilitator in each of the eight Buffalo Public Schools that Closing the Gap (CTG) serves. CTG offers "one stop shopping" of services in a school building, anything from tutor-mentoring, to mental health services to promoting positive behavior supports and parent involvement. The CTG strategic planning process and the CTG Leadership Team lay the groundwork for this collaboration. The GapTrack database keeps everyone accountable to that one goal.

### 8:15-9:00pm ... Consolidation and Centralized Business Services

**"School District Consolidation Efforts"...** Mr. Robert S. Guiffreda, District Superintendent, Erie 2 BOCES: This session will outline the process and progress of two consolidation studies within Erie 2 BOCES. The studies involve the School Districts of Ripley and Westfield and Brocton and Fredonia.

**"Centralized Business Office" ...** Dr. Paul M. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent, Erie 2 BOCES: As an outgrowth of a feasibility study conducted by the Rural Schools Foundation, Erie 2 BOCES is in the process of implementing a Centralized Business Office (CBO). This session will highlight the planning process as well as the implementation schedule.

**For registration and information, call 821-7297**

**There is no registration fee.**

**Instead we will accept donations of non-perishable food items.**

**The products will be given to the Food Bank of WNY, which supports the counties of Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara.**

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and collaboration activities among area school districts**