



This Week At ECASB ...

Important news from this past week and news for the upcoming week.

January 19, 2024

Executive Director Cell Phone: (716) 867-3531

Platinum Level Sponsors



ECASB AWARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE MARCH 4TH. Any ECASB member may nominate for ECASB awards. Entire Boards DO NOT need to nominate individuals for awards. Award applications are on the ECASB web page.

CANCELED EVENTS: It is that time of year when the snow piles up, the winds are whipping up, and the people in the Western New York area are hunkered down until spring. However, we still have a few meetings and events scheduled to provide professional development and keep the ECASB organization moving. If we cancel an event or meeting, ECASB will send out an email, so please be sure to check your email for any updates. You can also always call or text me at 716-867-3531. If the Erie 1 BOCES Campus at 355 Harlem Road is closed - then our programs are canceled.

SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 27TH PROGRAM. The program will be a breakfast program in conjunction with NYSSBA and the Niagara Orleans School Board Association. The deadline has passed. The topic will be "Let's (Not) Freak Out About A.I. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m.; program will start at 8:45 a.m.

REGISTER FOR THE NYSSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE. You can register for the Virtual Capital Conference which will be on February 2nd and learn how to prepare to advocate on behalf of your school, or you can register for the In-Person Lobby Day scheduled in Albany on February 7, 2024. If you cannot attend the in person day, why not register for the Virtual portion and then meet with your legislators when they are at home in their district. There are many resources on the NYSSBA website for School Board members that are new to advocacy.

I AM TAKING PART IN A BOOK STUDY AS PART OF THE BUFFALO SCHOOL BOARD PROGRAM. The book is Great On Their Behalf by Airick Journey Crabill. The Student Outcome Focused Governance Book Club is sponsored by the Implementation Committee of the Buffalo Board of Education. The Student Outcome Focused Governance Model is under the guidance of the Council of Great City Schools. The first virtual meeting took place January 16th to discuss the first half of the book. Coordinating the virtual meeting was Buffalo School Board Member Cindi McEachon. In attendance were Board President Sharon Belton-Cottman, Vice President Dr. Kathy Evans Brown, Board Members Terrence Heard, Dr. Ann Rivera and Jennifer Mecozzi. Joining the group was the facilitator Leslie Grant

from Atlanta, Georgia, Buffalo Council Member Zeneta Everhart, and several community members and PTA officers. A second session will be on February 5th to virtually meet the author of the book and continue a discussion.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 7, 2024. THE WESTERN NEW YORK EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL AND ECASB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL WNY LAW CONFERENCE. Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel for New York State School Boards Association, Mr. Jay Worona, Esq. will be the key note speaker. The program will be held at Salvatore's Banquet facility in Depew.

ECASB FEBRUARY 8TH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT IS CANCELED. The ECASB was going to host a new event that brought in community partners and sponsors in a 'trade-show' atmosphere where ECASB members would be able to learn from our sponsors and other community organizations such as zero emission bus companies, mental health care providers and security organization. We will look at possibly having a similar event next year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- January 24th - District Clerk Workshop, 11:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.; 355 Harlem Road; Room A-4
- January 27th - "Lets (Not) Freak Out About A.I." - 355 Harlem Road, Rooms B2A and B2B

SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- **Harris Beach PLLC**
 - February 29th—2024 Educational Institutions Conference
 - March 23rd - Updates on Current Legal Issues Facing Employers
 - June 22nd - Practical Employee Considerations in Managing Your Workforce
- **Hodgson Russ LLP**
 - January 12th - 39th Annual School Client Conference 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; at M Hotel Buffalo; 2040 Walden Avenue, Buffalo New York

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

- **NYS SENATOR PATRICK GALLIVAN:** will host a fundraiser at Russell's Steaks at 6675 Transit Road Thursday January 18th. Deadline to register is January 11th (so if you missed it - call ASAP). Cost is \$99 per person from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Contact Eileen@senatorgallivan.com or call 716-432-7003.
*** The fundraiser has been canceled. The new date is February 1, 2024.

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- Save the following dates:
 - 2024 Virtual Capital Conference - February 2, 2024
 - In Person NYSSBA Lobby Day in Albany - February 7, 2024

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- Equity Symposium - January 27th in Washington D.C
- Advocacy Institute - January 28th-30th in Washington D.C.
- Annual Conference and Exposition - April 4-6 in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Rural Education Summit - April 5th in New Orleans, Louisiana

AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- **ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION:** Achieving the Joy and Mastery of Learning podcast listing. [CLICK HERE](#)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: *Inquiring School Board Members want to know... "When is the ECASB*

Budget adopted and approved for the following year?” Answer: Traditionally, we have drafted the budget during the month of December and sent out to the Budget and Finance Committee for the January meeting. Last year the Budget and Finance Committee wanted to push the process back a month or two. This year the first draft of the Budget will be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee in February. If there are few changes and the committee approves of the Budget - it will then move on to the Executive Board and onto the Delegate Assembly for approval

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

1. NYSSBA Board of Directors meeting January 31st at 5:00 p.m.

**“THIS WEEK AT ECASB” IS
SPONSORED THIS WEEK
BY ECASB PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR:**

