

# Saluting Superintendents

*Dr. Geoffrey Hicks*

**Erie County Association of School Boards Salutes Retiring Superintendents**



## ***Interesting Facts...***

- **Dr. Hicks is a graduate of Kenmore East High School.**
- **His fondest memory of high school was competing on the high school swim team.**
- **His current hobbies and pastimes include playing golf, playing basketball, and learning to play the guitar.**
- **His plans on the first day of school in September are to babysit his grandsons.**
- **His plans on School Board evening nights during retirement will be sit back and open a "cold beverage".**
- **Dr. Hicks plans to travel, play golf, play softball, and spend time with his grandchildren as he enters retirement.**

Dr. Geoffrey Hicks has been Superintendent of the Clarence Central School District for the last 10 years. Prior to his current position, he served as Superintendent of the Sweet Home CSD for 9 years, the Superintendent of the Arlington CSD for 1 year, and was principal of Sweet Home Middle School for 5 years.

Dr. Hicks began his career in education as a high school Social Studies teacher in the Belfast Central School District.

Looking back over the years as a Superintendent, some of Dr. Hicks fondest memories while serving in a district leadership role has been being able to attend all the graduation ceremonies over the years; meeting monthly with student advisory groups and listening to students concerns; completing Capital Projects and seeing improvements to schools; and having the privilege of handing both of my children their diplomas as they graduated from high school.

Dr. Hicks feels that his greatest accomplishments as a Superintendent has been able to build the technology infrastructure in both the Clarence and the Sweet Home school districts and oversee the infusion of technology into the curriculum throughout both the districts.

While at Clarence alone, Dr. Hicks was successful with a \$33 million dollar capital project in 2014 and another \$27 million dollar capital project in 2021. Within the capital projects, new district turf fields were added as well as dedicated space to the new Family Support Center. As a leader, Dr. Hicks is a member of ECASB, NYSSBA, WNYESC where he serves on the Board of Directors, New York State Council of School Superintendents, and Erie Niagara School Superintendents. He has also served as a member of the Deans Advisory Council for the SUNY Buffalo-Graduate School of Education. In February 2015, Dr. Hicks published "Implementation decisions surrounding the New York State Teacher Annual Performance Review" article. Under his leadership, Clarence CSD has consistently ranked in the top 5 school districts during his tenure at the district.