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9/11 Memorial @ Erie 2 CC BOCES

This past Friday, September 9th, I attended a ceremony at the Erie 2 CC BOCES Ormsby Center in East Aurora, New York for the dedication of memorial for 9/11. The memorial sculpture is part of steel beam from the World Trade Center that was destroyed during the 9/11 terrorist attack. Former W.D. Ormsby School principal Thomas Huebert in 2015 went to New York City and secured part of one of the 500 steel beams that were available after a long process. The beam which weighs over 1,000 pounds was driven back from New York City by the head custodian and Tom Hubert in the custodian's new F11 Ford pick up truck. Once the beam was back in East Aurora, it sat in the office waiting to be made into a memorial for all to see. Current principal David Bogner and others made the memorial a reality when he realized that 'we had had it for quite some time, and we just needed to make the commitment to get it done'. Through working with and planning with staff, students, General Welding of Elma, Masterson's Garden Center of East Aurora, and others, the task was finally complete and ready to be installed on the W.D. Ormsby campus.



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Members of the East Aurora and Jamison Road Fire Department, as well as the East Aurora Police Department and representatives from U.S. Navy were on hand for the Installation Ceremony of the memorial. The ceremony took place at 10:30 a.m. and was attended by District Superintendent Dr. David O'Rourke, the Ormsby Center staff and faculty, representatives from General Welding in Elma, Masterson's Garden Center in East Aurora, and members of the local fire department, the East Aurora police department, and other dignitaries. The community, staff and even students enrolled in various programs at BOCES helped to make the memorial a reality. Students enrolled in the Conservation program, the CADD program, and others assisted with the project to make it become a reality. Principal David Bogner states "It was good to recognize and remember the first responders and everyone that was lost that day.



Pictures on the front: Top - The memorial is placed in the front of the building for all to see who enter. Bottom: The ladder trucks from East Aurora and Jamison Road Fire Department prepare to display a 20 x 30 foot flag. Back page: Top: the 20 X 30 foot flag serves as a backdrop for the ceremony. Bottom: The W.D. Ormsby staff and invited guests listen to Principal David Bogner begin the ceremony.