



## This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending November 11, 2023

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**LEGISLATIVE DINNER:** The Legislative Dinner will be held at the Columns Banquet Center November 16th. The event will be a plated dinner. Choices will be Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Souvlaki, or Red Snapper. This is the first opportunity to meet with YOUR legislator and discuss ECASB and your districts priorities before the Legislative session/season begins. Deadline to register with your District Clerk WAS November 9th. **REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS NOW CLOSED.**

**PRIORITY:** If there are any School Board Members looking to serve on the NYSSBA Awards Committee, please let me know ASAP. Members of the committees can serve up to three years. I need to submit a name to NYSSBA for this position.

**BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA WINNER:** The winner of last weeks Board Connection Trivia, which was to name one ECASB Legislative Priority was Clarence CSD Board Member Tricia Andrews. Tricia will receive a \$15 gift card to Tim Hortons.

**ECASB OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH:** The ECASB office is closed today in observance of Veterans Day. The office will reopen on Monday, November 13th.

**BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA MUSIC MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS:** During my meeting on Wednesday with the Buffalo Philharmonic Education Committee, information was passed along regarding scholarships for students that will be majoring in music upon graduation. Please encourage any students to apply for the scholarships. Deadline is fast approaching - NOVEMBER 18th. Please see the attachment for more information.

**NOVEMBER 30TH SPEED BOARDING EVENT:** The November 30th ECASB Speed Boarding will be the last event of the 2023 Calendar Year. If you made a new years resolution as a Board Member to attend an event in 2023, this will be your last opportunity. We will have three unique and new speakers on three new and unique topics. Our Holiday Mug Give Away will also take place. There will be panelists from Amherst CSD, Lancaster CSD and the Buffalo Public School Music Departments as part of the BPO presentation on the importance of music in schools.

**PROPOSITION 1 PASSES:** The proposition amends the state constitution and now allows small city school districts to match a 10% debt limit that all other rural and suburban districts operate under.

This will affect ECASB member districts including Lackawanna City School District and Tonawanda City School District.

**NYSSBA RELEASES FINANCIAL REPORT:** NYSSBA has sent a video from NYSSBA treasurer Thomas Nespeca reporting on the 2023 Report of the Treasurer. To view the video, type in your first and last name along with your email address. Please note that membership dues and registration fees have been frozen at the 2020 amounts for the last three years.

**NEW BOOK IN ECASB LIBRARY:** Classroom Assessment Essentials by Susan M. Brookhart.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LEGISLATIVE TEAM MEMBERS THAT MET THURSDAY NIGHT WHO WILL BE PRESENTING AT THE LEGISLATIVE DINNER ON THURSDAY NIGHT:** Thank you to Legislative Co-Chair Scott Johnson, Co-Chair Erik Polkowski, Ed Schaefer (Cheektowaga CSD), Sherry Steffans (Grand Island CSD), Mike Montoro (Cleveland Hill UFSD), Kristy Pingitore (Akron CSD), Jim Michalek (Iroquois CSD), and Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan. We have just over 90 people registered for the event.

**BUFFALO TORONTO PUBLIC MEDIA HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO OFFER CTLE (Continuing Teacher and Leader Education) CREDITS:** Educators can attend PBSLM workshops and screening events, and possibly watching documentaries and answering follow up questions.

#### **Upcoming Event:**

**Topic:** Overdose Awareness including a NARCAN demonstration

**Date:** Wednesday, November 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m

**Program:** A catered meal, a NARCAN demonstration by the Erie County Health Department, Resources and information from local overdose prevention organizations, a screening of the short film, "Brother".

**Location:** BTM 140 Lower Terrace, Buffalo, New York 14202

**Event Registration:** <https://www.wned.org/community/screenings-and-events/overdose-epidemic-information-resources-event/>

**Contact:** Director of Learning and Engagement, Beth Fronckowiak  
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#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).**

- November 16th - Legislative Dinner - Columns Banquet Facility; 5:30 Registration and Cash Bar, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Program and Dinner
- November 30th - Fall Speed Boarding and Mug Give Away
- December 1st- ECASB Elf On A Shelf Promotion Starts
- January 3rd - ECASB Award Nominations Open

#### **SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:**

- **Harris Beach PLLC**
  - November 16th - End of Year Labor Updates
  - 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**
  - November 8th - Annual Labor and Employment Conference 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Buffalo Marriott Niagara, 1340 Millersport Highway.

#### **POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:**

- **Gallivan For Senate: Thursday, November 16th; The Westin Buffalo; Charles Room - 2nd Floor; 250 Delaware Avenue; Buffalo, New York 14202; \$150 per person. Contact Senator Gallivan's office for more details.**

**NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:**

- **Complimentary Lunchtime Webinar– November 15th**
  - **“The Hidden Biases of Good People: Implications for Individuals and Organizations”** The guest speaker is Dr. Bryan Marks.
- **Other programs:**
  - **Meeting Today's Communication Challenges**
  - **Communication Webinar Guide: The Essential Guide to School Board Communications**
  - **Mass Shootings in Schools: Lessons from Tragedy and Opportunities for Prevention and Response**
- **Save the following dates:**
  - **2024 Virtual Capital Conference - February 2, 2024**
  - **In Person NYSSBA Lobby Day in Albany - February 7, 2024**

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John W. Danforth, an ECASB Gold Level Sponsor is proud to announce that Christina Kramarz was elected to the National Association of Women in Construction, Buffalo Niagara Chapter Board of Directors. John W. Danforth has been a Gold Level Sponsor for several years. ECASB has worked closely with Christina Kramarz as she is responsible for marketing for John W. Danforth.

