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## **Executive Director Reflections: ECASB moving from Virtual to In Person Events**

In 2021-2022, it was the goal of ECASB to have our programs be 'in-person' events. We were one of the few school board organizations that moved back to the 'in-person' events. When meeting with other COLSBA (Coalition of Local School Board Associations), many organizations ran their entire program last year with virtual programs. There were a few that ran with a hybrid model and offered both 'in-person' events and 'virtual events'.

Although we did have several committee meetings that fell below a quorum and were not able to vote at some meetings, we were able to have a vote through on-line voting as outlined in the ECASB By-Laws. As we continue to navigate the COVID pandemic, we continually monitor our programs.

ECASB receives several free meeting publications where we also review articles and information provided by leaders in the industry. A few of the publications include:

- *M & C Meetings and Conventions*
- *Meetings Today*
- *Smart Meetings*
- *BTN - Business Travel News*

What we have noticed that has impacted our business slightly are the following trends:

- When ordering products, we have to allow for extra time to receive the products and allow for delays in shipping.
- When arranging to have the meeting / program at a venue other than at E1B, we have had to guarantee a higher number of attendees than in the past even before booking the place.
- The cost of meals have increased slightly.
- Venues require an even earlier date for the actual 'attendee count' than in the past.
- It is difficult to add additional attendees once we have confirmed the number of attendees.
- Once we have provided a count of attendees, we are being charged for the number provided.

With the above information, please note that we have altered our business practice to reflect the changes in the industry. The following guidelines will help to eliminate any confusion:

- Deadlines to register for events will be announced sooner.
- Once an ECASB member has confirmed attendance to an event, and the number has been provided to the venue, the district WILL be charged in the event of a no show. (We would encourage ECASB members to contact another member of their district to attend in their place).
- Attendees can include ECASB Members including District Clerks, Superintendents, Board Members

and Central Office Administrators. In some cases, Building Principals are also welcome to attend.

- ECASB will continue to contact members registered for an event and remind them of the meeting / event via either an email or phone call. (It is helpful to have Board Of Education members cell phones or home numbers so that we can contact participants in an emergency).

- ALL ECASB Members attending events should register for all events with their District Clerks so that District Clerks are aware of who is planning on attending.

- Board Members should ensure that they respond to requests from District Clerks in a timely manner so that District Clerks can register ECASB members by the due date.

- ECASB will have up to date event information on the website.

- When sending out the event information, we will use our standard 'Event Information Flyer' that will list all the important details in the left hand column to make it easier for our members to find the information about the events.



## **Back to School Dinner**

**Thursday, August 25, 2022**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Deadline to Register is August 11, 2022**

**Cost is \$45.00**

**To be held at Kloc's Grove  
1245 Seneca Creek Road,  
West Seneca, NY 14224**



**Key Note Speaker:  
Dr. Darren Brown-Hall  
Superintendent of  
Williamsville CSD**

**Kicks off ECASB's  
Back To School  
Dinner  
August 25, 2022  
@ Kloc's Grove  
1245 Seneca Creek Rd.  
West Seneca**

**Registration & Cash Bar  
5:30 pm  
Dinner - 6:00 pm  
Darren Brown-Hall speaks  
at 7:00 pm on  
Leadership Today!**

**Deadline to Register  
August 11, 2022**

**Deadline to register is Thursday, August 11, 2022. Register with your District Clerk. Please note that the program is open to ALL ECASB members. In the past, the 'Back to School Dinner' was only a leadership dinner. The program is NOW open to all school board members, superintendents and district clerks.**

**Dr. Darren Brown-Hall is the Superintendent of the largest suburban district in Erie County. Prior to moving to the Williamsville CSD, Dr. Brown-Hall focused on overseeing the day-to-day operations of the second largest district in the state right behind New York City. While employed for the Buffalo City School district he improved student academic results, closing achievement gaps, and assisting senior staff in many efforts to support student's career and college readiness program. Dr. Brown-Hall is active with CIDEL (Committee for Identifying and Developing Educational Leaders), serves on the Board for the WNYESDC, and is on the Board of Directors for Compass House and for Gay, Lesbian Youth Services (GLYHS)**



***All essential information on events will always appear in the left hand column for easy viewing and access.***