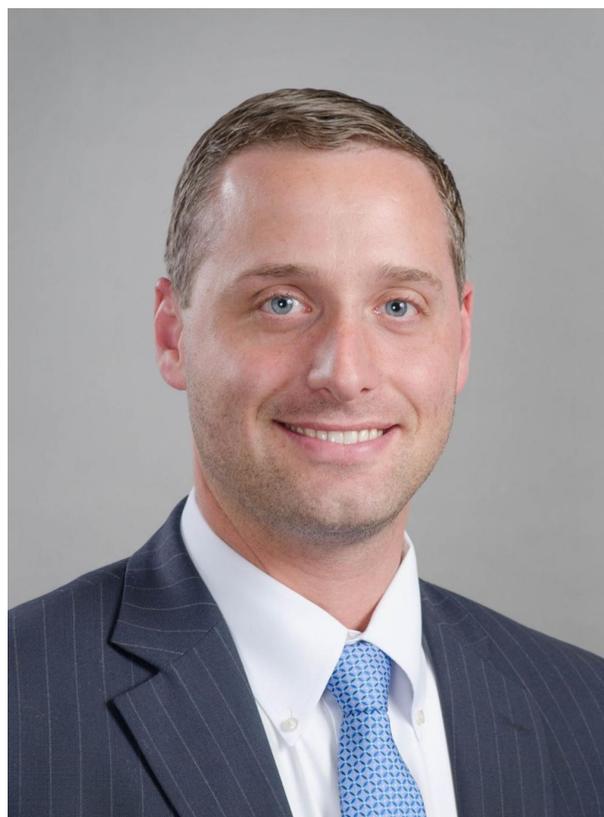


# ECASB

## SUPERINTENDENT CONGRATULATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT!

Dr. Michael Capuanas' favorite teacher at Canisius High School was his 11th grade English teacher Mr. David McCallum. Dr. Capuana would soon follow in his foot steps as he received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of English Education from the State University at Buffalo. He earned both his Master of Educational Administration and his Doctorate of Educational Administration degrees from the University of Buffalo as well. Dr. Capuana began his teaching career at Bennett High School for Buffalo Public Schools and he also taught at Depew High School where he learned from both roles the importance of collaboration, building relationships and engaging others. While at Bennett High School, Dr. Capuana partnered with the University at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education and the "City Voices, City Visions" grant to implement digital storytelling for students as part of the ELA curriculum and while at Depew High School, he designed a weeklong cross disciplinary unit for 9th graders entitled "Greek Fest" with his freshmen teacher colleagues as two of his best moments as a teacher. His best moments as a teacher leader came in his first assignment as the school administrator for the education program at the East Ferry Secure Youth Detention Facility. The real-life circumstances facing the children placed at this secure detention facility were simply devastating. The incredible team of students

*" I thank the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education, my colleagues across Erie 1 BOCES, our partner school districts and former E1B District Superintendent mentors including Dr. Lynn Fusco and Mr. Donald Ogilvie "*



## ***Erie 1 BOCES - Many Roles!***

*Working in many different roles within the district provides insight.*

and teachers and staff from Erie 1 worked together and gave everything they had to engage the students in high-quality educational experiences, ultimately in support of a caring and humanizing learning environment. Other leadership positions included Building Administrator at Northtowns Academy and Potter Career and Technical Center, the Director of Career and Technical Education, and most recently Assistant Superintendent of Instructional services. It is Dr. Capuana's dream come true to serve in the role of Superintendent of Erie 1 BOCES. He has served the E1B Community and family for 13 years. He is looking forward to continuing to serve the organization, the students, the faculty and staff and the partner school districts.

In his spare time, Dr. Capuana enjoys being a husband and partner to his wife Kristen, and father to their two children, Sophia and Michael. He enjoys coaching youth sports, reading, staying physically active and listening to live music. His community involvement includes being active as a leader in youth sports, and in the University of Buffalo Graduate School of Education Alumni Association.

The message that Dr. Capuana would like those in Albany to know is that BOCES of NYS remains a critical partner of the respective component school districts and communities. As a leading educational service organization of excellence, Erie 1 BOCES is prepared to continue to fulfill the critical role in support of all students and all educators. As the educational leader, he hopes to remain keenly focused on integrity, service and innovation to those the organization serves - students, staff, and communities - by understanding, anticipating and responding to their needs.

***The Erie 1 BOCES organization will focus on expanding regional capacity around equity, inclusivity and access for all, engaging in partnerships with 19 component school districts and various post-secondary partners to support regional educator and leadership recruitment and retention needs, and establishing new regional and statewide collaborations in support of the mental health needs of our Western New York school communities.***

