



This Week At ECASB

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



Week Ending OCTOBER 13 2023 -

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ALBANY UPDATE WITH DAVE LITTLE - November 2th at Creekside Banquet Center, 2669 Union Road, Cheektowaga. Registration and Cash Bar at 5:30. Program and Dinner 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Registration closes on October 26th. Register with your District Clerk. David is the Executive Director of Rural Schools Association of New York. Prior to that he served as the Director of Governmental Relations for NYSSBA. He began his career in the State Assembly and then in the Senate where he was Home Rule Counsel and Local Government Counsel to the Majority Leader. David is well connected in Albany and will talk about “Challenges of the Upcoming 2024 Legislative Session”.

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 is November 9th.

LATE RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FROM AMHERST CSD - SUPPORT NEEDED! The Amherst CSD is looking to submit a late resolution for the NYSSBA Business meeting. The resolution would ask for an amendment to the General Municipal Law that would add temporary investment options that could generate additional interest earnings for school districts thus helping to offset the local share which would reduce taxpayer obligations. Because the resolution is late, a 2/3 majority vote to suspend the rules during voting needs to occur to allow the resolution to be heard. The resolution is in the email attachment.

ECASB LEGISLATIVE T-SHIRTS: We have ECASB T-shirts that are **orange** with white printing. There is a crown on the front with the following information “Keep Calm and Advocate - Erie County Association of School Boards Legislative Committee. The ECASB logo is on the back. The shirts are for anyone on the Legislative Committee or any ECASB members. We have sizes XXX-Large, XX-Large, X-Large, Large, Medium, and Small. We can send you the shirt via interschool mail.

REMINDER ECASB POST CARDS: ECASB has post cards that can be sent to your assemblyman and senators. They have all the ECASB district listed. One of the cards has a big VOTE NO stamped across the districts; one is VOTE YES, and one is THANK YOU. The post cards are quick and easy to send out to legislators and it gets their attention letting them know how their constituents are weighing in on legislation. Contact ECASB to request them.

NYSSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - OCTOBER 16th AT 4:00 P.M.: You will want to make sure that you have your proposed resolutions book handy so that you can follow along. The night could be a long night with the number of resolutions. You might want to plan on a light dinner that you can eat in front of the computer.

LARGEST NUMBER OF TEACHERS RECEIVING TENURE: I attended the Orchard Park CSD Board of Education meeting. 27 teachers received tenure and received a certificate and small gift from the Orchard Park CSD. I was amazed at the number of teachers from one district receiving tenure in one year. Thank you to Board President Dr. Jennifer Rogers, Vice President Ryan Anderson, Board Members Ryan Cimo, Steven Comeau, Ed Draves, Tom Provost, and Karen Sreniawski. Special thank you to Superintendent David Lilleck, District Clerk Cheryl Connors, Assistant Superintendents Sarah Horning, Jeffrey Petrus, and Dr. Dean Ramirez.

THE WINNER OF THE BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA #5 IS: There were no Winners of the \$15.00 Tim Hortons Gift Card for trivia number 5. The question was to name the three music educators that will be serving as part of a panel discussion with the Buffalo Philharmonic at the November 30th ECASB Fall Speed Boarding. They three educators will take part in the third presentation of the evening about the importance of Music Education. Appearing as the panel:

- James Schwanz - Supervisor of Music for the Buffalo Public School
- Lynne Ruda - High School Director of Orchestras, Lancaster CSD
- Julie Furlong - Elementary Vocal and General Music Educator, Amherst CSD

BOARD CONNECTION & NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: There is no Board of Connection featuring the newest Board Members from ECASB member school districts this week. I have not had any additional information forms returned. All new School Board members were provided with an information sheet to return and a postage paid return envelope. We will feature new Board Members as the forms are returned.

LAST YEAR ECASB HAD A STUDENT LEADERSHIP DINNER: ECASB is not having the dinner, however, we do have padfolios available with the ECASB logo. The following information is on the cover: Board of Education Student Leader - Your Voice Matters! The padfolios will be sent via interschool mail to the District Clerk.

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE: Has announced its' 2023-2024 Student Video Contest. The theme is the 'The Miracle of Rural Education'. The contest is open through January 12, 2024.

- Students may work in groups or individually. A class or club may submit and entry.
- Students must identify a faculty/staff mentor to complete the registration on their behalf.
- Various video platforms are allowed (YouTube, Vimeo, etc).
- Submissions are specifically 2-3 minutes in length. No longer than 5 minutes.
- Entries are due January 12, 2024.
- Age groups are K-6 and 7-12.

DR. RICK TIMBS PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 12TH "FEDERAL AID, STATE AID & FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2023-2024 AND BEYOND: Over 70 attendees heard Dr. Rick Timbs talk about the challenges that ALL school districts will be faced with in funding and with the purchase of Zero Emission Buses. ECASB sponsors in attendance included: Campus Construction Management, C & S Companies, Day Automation, Evans Government Services, Gordon Jones Architects, Hodgson Russ, John W. Danforth, and Young and Wright Architects. Superintendents attending included Andrea Kersten (Interim Supt. at Akron CSD), Scott Zipp (Cheektowaga CSD), Jon MacSwan (Cleveland Hill UFSD), Dr. Hank Stopinski (Depew UFSD), Deputy Superintendent Bryna Moritz (Erie 2 CC BOCES), Nadia Nashir (Lackawanna City), Lisa Krueger (Newfane CSD), Scott Taylor (North Collins CSD), and Dr. Jeff Rabey (Interim Supt. at West Seneca CSD).

THE WNED/PBS/NPR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MET OCTOBER 11TH: Minutes of the meeting will be provided once they are available. The next meeting will feature a tour of the studio. WNED/PBS/NPR Education Service Committee members from ECASB include: Kristy Pingitore (Akron CSD), Maureen Poulin (Williamsville CSD), and Vincent Vanderlip (West Seneca CSD). Topics and programs discussed included Building Blocks for Learning, Ready To Learn, Student Mental Health, Let's Go!, Compact History, Reading Rainbow, Solar Eclipse, and Wild Hope. Next meeting takes place February 14th at 2:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW THE PBS LEARNINGMEDIA IS: A digital library of 30,000+ free classroom ready re-

sources. The resources are used by 1.8 million educators and 30 million students annually.

ENSSA AND KIDS ESCAPING DRUGS: Will hold a press conference on Friday, October 13th at 9:00 a.m. at 920 Harlem Road, West Seneca to discuss teenagers and access to cannabis and THC. A few of the invited guests/speakers include New York State Senator Sean Ryan, New York State Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, E-NSSA President Michael Cornell, E-NSSA Vice President Dr. Brian Graham, and Executive Director of Kids Escaping Drugs, Jodie Altman.

A COMMUNITY FORUM “KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE-WHEN ACCESS TO VAPING AND CANABIS INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY” - Will take place at Grand Island High School Auditorium Wednesday, October 18th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island.

KICK OFF TO CONVENTION: New This Year. Kick-Off will be held on Wednesday October 25th at Resurgence Brewing Company. This will be a free event for ECASB members and Platinum and Gold Level Sponsors to get together to prepare for the upcoming NYSSBA Convention and Expo in Buffalo. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. The event is now closed for additional attendees. We look forward to seeing all of those ECASB members that are currently registered.

NOT SURE IF YOUR PASSWORD IS SECURE? Visit www.bitwarden.com. Scroll to bottom of screen and click on “password strength tester”. When you type in your password, the program will let you know your password strength and the estimated time to crack the password. The program can also generate passcodes for you.

DR. TIMB NEWSARTICLES: Dr. Rick Timbs has several new articles in the Central New York School Boards Association's monthly newsletter. Check out his articles at the following link: <https://cnysba.org/cnysba-newsletters/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- October 19th - Legislative Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- October 25th - Convention Kick Off at Resurgence Brewing Company
- October 26th - 28th - NYSSBA Convention and Expo
- November 2nd - Dave Little Program - Creekside Banquet Center 5:30 Registration and Cash Bar, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Program and Dinner
- November 16th - Legislative Dinner - Columns Banquet Facility; 5:30 Registration and Cash Bar, 6:00 – p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Program and Dinner
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SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- Harris Beach PLLC
 - October 18, Fall 2023 Special Education Update @ Creekside Banquet Facility 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; Available via webinar also.
 - 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

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

- Assemblyman Bill Conrad - Octoberfest, October 24th at the DFK Pavillion 1178 Parker Blvd. 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$50 per person. Make Checks payable to Friends of Bill Conrad P.O. Box 127 Buffalo, New York 14223. Visit secure.actblue.com/donate/october23

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

Check out the NYSSB Convention Page on their website for all the updated information and details on the NYSSBA Annual Convention and Expo that will be held in Buffalo October 26th - 28th.

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