



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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THE ECASB OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH: Due to the use of vacation time. Sue Summers will return to the office on Monday, October 21st. Dave Lowrey will be at the NYSSBA Convention in New York City.

DISTRICT CLERK PROGRAM RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24TH - The District Clerk Program has been rescheduled from September 24th to October 24th. Program will be held at Erie 1 BOCES in room A4. Topics will include Capital Project Votes and Bonds; Digitizing Records; Chair Yoga; and a District Clerk Roundtable. Cost will be \$25. Program will begin at 12:00 noon and end at 3:30 p.m. A registration form and flyer was sent.

NEW YORK STATE RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION WINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: The theme this year is 'Building a Bridge Over Troubled Water - Making the Most of a Good Crisis'. Highlights of the conference include:

- Presentation Leader of the Year Award to Education Commissioner Rosa.
- Rockefeller Institute presentations on recommendations on Foundation Aid Reform
- Roundtable with NYSSBA Governmental Relations and NYSSCOS
- New Negotiations for a New Era
- Workshop to provide attendees with the skills and tools they need to manage change, involve their communities, and excel in a challenging environment.

Registration closes November 15th. The program takes place at the Excelsior Spring Event Center and Courtyard Saratoga Springs December 4th & 5th.

THANK YOU TO SUE SUMMERS FROM ECASB FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE FIRST DISTRICT CLERK DIRECTORY. The Directory is a resource for District Clerks in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties.

VISITATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: I attended the Lackawanna City School Board of Education work session meeting on Tuesday, October 15th. Thank you to Board President Azaldeen Mohamed, Vice President Mohamed Munassar, Board Members, Shokey Albaney, Michael Algawani, Kimberly Bukaty, Anthony Catuzza, and Mohammed Shawish. Special thank you to Superintendent Nadia Nashir. Listening to the Auditors report, I realized that there are minor differences that Small

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City School Districts deal with that most Union Free and Central School Districts don't deal with. Going to area meetings has been an eye opening experience. I have learned so much in my position of Executive Director.

I attended the Eden CSD Board of Education meeting on Wednesday October 16th. Thank you to President Donald Sutfin, Vice President Jennifer Horschel, and Board Members Cheryl Carpenter, Jack Cuddihy, Jen DellaPenta, Marlene Grunder, and Allan Silver. Also thank you to Superintendent Jeffrey Sortisio and District Clerk Barb Thomasulo. Please tell all your friends and relatives to vote for the Capital Project Vote on December 17th. The Capital Project will be in two propositions. Proposition 1 is for a few classrooms at the elementary, sidewalks, parking lots, and other mostly infrastructure. The second proposition will be to modernize and upgrade other areas of the district. As I was leaving the high school at the end of the meeting I saw the pictures of the upgraded foyer from Young and Wright Architects (An ECASB Gold Level Sponsor)....what a big difference!

[DON'T FORGET REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 16TH AT RESURGENCE BREWING COMPANY.](#) Deadline to register is November 1st.

[INFORMATION WAS JUST SENT FOR THE LAST PROGRAM FOR 2024.](#) The Fall Speed Boarding Program is our Dessert Forum. Presentations from Lackawanna City SD, Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD and Lake Shore CSD will be featured.

CONTESTS:

1. Watch for our Great Pumpkin Contest later in October.
2. Have your picture taken with ECASB sponsors, submit the pictures for a drawing to be held for Dinner for your Board. Pictures can be taken at the NYSSBA EXPO or at the Rick Timbs Program or Legislative Breakfast. Pictures must be submitted no later than November 18th to be placed in the drawing.
3. Our ECASB Elf on a Shelf will begin December 1st.

[CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DARREN BROWN-HALL, WILLIAMSVILLE CSD SUPERINTENDENT:](#) Dr. Darren Brown-Hall was one of the presenters at the Fall NYSSCOS Fall Program. Darren begins his presentation at 23:00 minutes into the program. Click the link below to view the video.

[Monday Morning Keynote Ignite Presentations - YouTube](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- October - ECASB Board Recognition Month
- October 24th - Rescheduled District Clerk Program.

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

None Listed

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- October 14th-18th - New York State Board Recognition Week
- October 20-22nd NYSSBA Convention (New York City)

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:

- December 4th and 5th - Winter Conference 2024 at Saratoga Springs

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- 2025 National School Boards Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia April 4th-6th.

AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- **ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION:** Achieving the Joy and Mastery of Learning podcast listing. [CLICK HERE](#)
- **PBS/ Buffalo Toronto Public Media FREE Community Event Saturday, October 19th from 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.** A screening of an episode of "American Historia" alongside a culmination of short local heritage videos will take place. The event will also include vibrant music, dance, food and cultural information, led by several community-based artists, performance and Hispanic Heritage Council members. Contact Buffalo Toronto Public Media for more information.

BEST PRACTICES: I attended the Tonawanda CSD Board of Education meeting last week. The Board is looking at developing a brochure to provide information for the public that attends Board of Education meetings. As I attend Board Meetings around Western New York, there are some Boards that have a brochure, while others do not. I think it comes in handy particularly for those people that have never attended a Board of Education meeting.

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

On the Expo Floor at the NYSSBA Convention, there will be a COLSBA (Coalition Of Local School Boards Associations) Booth. You can stop in and see what is happening around the rest of the state or use the booth as a meeting place to meet school board members.