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ECASB Summer Review



News shared with ECASB Members when we are not on vacation, at the beach, on the boat, or outside enjoying the summer weather in Western New York.

BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER: Will be on Thursday, August 25th. Registration and cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 pm. Keynote speaker Dr. Darren Brown Hall will speak following dinner. Event is at Kloc's Grove - 1245 Seneca Creek Road, West Seneca. Registration is now closed.

POLL NUMBERS - DID YOU KNOW: A total of 2,189 school board seats were up for election in 670 school districts in 37 states in 2014 according to a Ballotpedia poll.

- 75.51 percent of incumbents whose seats were on the ballot ran for re-election.
 - 35.81 percent of those incumbents ran unopposed.
 - 124 school districts held elections in which all the incumbents ran unopposed.
 - Only 30 districts with 58 seats up for election featured no incumbents running.
 - 81.31 percent of incumbents were re-elected, including unopposed incumbents.
 - 70.88 percent of incumbents who faced challengers won re-election.
- 61.40 percent of all seats up for election were retained by incumbents.

HOLLAND CSD BOARD MEETING: I attended the Holland CSD School Board Monday evening August 22, 2022. Special Thanks to Vice President Kelleen Kensy, Board Members Gerald Vella, Bonnie Meahl Rowe, Russell Clothier Jr., Paula Leach, Mary Jo Szucs and Board President Brian Jones. Thank you to Superintendent Eric Lawton, School Business Official Christine Ljungberg, and District Clerk Lynette Cracchiola. It was a full agenda with the approving of the Code of Conduct, the School District Safety Plan, the Professional Development Plan, and the Response to Intervention Plan along with reports from several Department and Building Level Administrators.

REMINDER TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND NEW BOARD PRESIDENTS: Please send in your survey forms so that we can continue working on the BOARD CONNECTIONS which feature new school Board Members and for LEADERS AMONG US which features the new school board presidents.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EAST AURORA UFSD. The district was recently recognized in Business First's WNY's Healthiest Employers in 2022. The district was recognized in the Medium Company category. Programs have been in place since 2000. Top wellness programs listed include faculty and staff wellness days, immunization clinics, and wellness challenges & contests. The benefits include a healthier, well-balanced team and a reduction in the health care usage resulting in lower premiums.

NYSSBA RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: The Resolutions Book will be sent out on September 1, 2022. Chair of the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee is Scott Johnson (Sweet Home CSD). Resolutions will be presented to the Voting Delegates on October 17, 2022.

DISTRICT CLERKS MAY REGISTER THEIR DISTRICT'S VOTING DELEGATE: The registration

process is open. Districts may select one board member to serve as the voting delegate, however the individual **MUST BE REGISTERED BY OCTOBER 12TH AT NOON.**

VISIT TO TONAWANDA CITY SD: On Tuesday, August 23, I visited the Tonawanda City School District. I can't recall there ever being that many people in the audience. I counted about 76 attendees, and there were a few I know that I missed. The attendees were there for an August Graduation, recognition of scholar athletes from the spring sports season, and new teacher/new staff hires. It was an enjoyable evening. I enjoy attending ECASB meetings, because even with 20 + years as a Board of Education member, I am learning new things. I learned about an innovative and creative program that the Tonawanda High School will be embarking on called "E-Pass". Students use their phone or their Chrome Book. Each teacher has a pass code that they would enter to allow the student to go. The system tracks usage and can even control how many students are in the hallway at any one time. I also learned about the new Warrior Academy and learned a great deal about EESA and the grant money that would be coming to the school. Special thanks to Board President Kristin Schmutzler, Vice President Andrea Wisniewski, Board Members Elizabeth Koch, Brandon McGuire, Sara Mislin, Heather Sternin, and Jeff Thorp. Special thanks to Superintendent Dr. Tim Oldenburg and District Clerk Jillian Reynolds.