

# This Week At ECASB...

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

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ECASB SPRING SPEEDBOARDING: Was held last evening at the Erie 1 BOCES Calspan Center. There was a total of 25 attendees. If you were unable to attend and never have been to one of your BOCES Centers to tour a CTE program, I would highly encourage you to contact your Superintendent or your BOCES Superintendent to set up a tour. Special thank you to Heather Cayea (Akron CSD); Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst CSD); Stephanie Dombrowski, Denise McCowan, and Jim Stachewicz (Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD); Tricia Andrews, Dennis Priore, Dawn Snyder and Dawn Magera (Clarence CSD); Dr. Michael Capuana, Ed Cavan, and Anedda Trautman (Erie 1 BOCES); Patrick Boyle (Frontier CSD); Matt Chimera, Todd Marquardt, Paul Spors and Lee Ann Vogt (Ken Ton UFSD), Scott Johnson (Sweet Home CSD) and Kristin Schmutzler and Andrea Wisniewski (Tonawanda City SD). Special Thanks to Student Board Member Louis Mancuso from Clarence who was able to attend as well. Attendees went through a brief tour of the facility, and then in small groups, had a 10 minute presentation by the very knowledgeable and accomplished instructors in 5 different areas. Thank you also to student Declan Goldhawk (Amherst) who attended and was able to talk to Board Members and provide his testimony about the program. Watch for the pictures of the event next week.

MAY 2ND BUDGET AND FINANCE TEAM MEETING: Will NOT be held due to the fact the that Budget and Finance Team approved the Budget during the February 15th meeting.

**NEW YORK STATE BUDGET NEWS.** Still waiting on final New York State budget.

NYSSBA'S 2024 LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION EVENT: To be held July 19th and 20th at the Crown Plaza Albany at the The Desmond Hotel has announced registration is now open. One of the featured sessions will be on Al. Other sessions include many of the issues you are facing such as: Declining Enrollment, New Pathways for Future-Ready Students; Chronic Absenteeism, Current NYSED Initiatives, Navigating Board Conflict, Teacher Shortages, and Supporting Academic Achievement for All. This will be the 3rd annual Leadership in Education event. Register with NYSSBA.

NEXT ECASB EVENT IS THE 2ND ANNUAL ROAD RALLY. Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan is planning the Road Rally. Last year we had teams from the following districts take part in the Road Rally, Amherst, Clarence, Iroquois, Ken Ton, and Tonawanda. It is most helpful if there are three people in the car...one person drives, while the other two work on clues and activities. The Road Rally will take place in the Ken-Ton UFSD district. Last year, we traveled the roads of the Buffalo School District and learned about the district along the way. There are clues to get you to the different stops along the way. Once you reach each spot on the route, you take a picture and send it in to obtain the next clue. There are also ways to earn bonus points. Last year a few of the bonus points included: helping someone pump their gas at a local station, getting a picture of a police officer, obtaining a

picture of a postage stamp, along with about 30 other ways you could earn bonus points. Directions to the starting point are provided. Lunch is provided after the event, so the event does not take all day. This is a great team building activity. All participants that took part last year agreed that the event was fun, engaging, and at times a challenge. If you do not have three Board Members that want to take part, you could bring an administrator, or spouse. Teams are awarded first place for (1) Best Time, (2) Most points, and (3) Best Creativity.

<u>NEW BOOKS IN THE ECASB LIBRARY</u>: I attended the National School Boards Association annual convention. I picked up a few books to add to the ECASB library collection. If you would like to sign out any of the books, just contact our office. The books are:

- The Six Priorities (How to Find the Resources Your School Community Needs) by Luis Eladio torres
- When You Wonder, You're Learning...Mister Roger's Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids by Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski
  - Proactive School Security and Emergency Preparedness Planning by Kenneth S. Trump
- The Power of Voice in Schools...Listening, Learning and Leading Together by Russ Quaglia, Kristine Fox, Lisa Lande and Deborah Young

NYSSBA LIVE VIRTUAL POLICY WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Wednesday, May 8th 2024; 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$140 for members and \$280 for non members. Register directly with NYSSBA.

ECASE ANNUAL DINNER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH. We are in the process of finalizing details. Please note that the dinner will be at Kloc's in West Seneca. We will have our traditional ECASE Basket Raffle and Split Club which benefits that Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship fund. Baskets should be donated by individuals or ECASE members. More details will be sent out in the weeks ahead.

# BOTH BPO AND WNED/PBS HAVE YEAR END PROGRAMS THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY PROMOT-

ING: Encourage the students in your community to take advantage of the programs. WNED/PBS has three programs, "Wild Hope", "Hear Us Out" and "Ready to Learn" that are great programs for children and families. The BPO will feature their Music in Education Awards Saturday, May 4, 2024. They will honor the following students:

#### **BPO/ECMEA** -

- Joseph Buckle, Williamsville CSD
- William Larabee, Alden CSD
- Mary Kay Ortolano, Frontier CSD

## FRIENDS OF BPO YOUNG MUSICIAN'S SCHOLARSHIPS

- \$3000 Marc Vredenburg, Cello, Williamsville South High School
- -\$2000 Matthew Russell, Saxophone, Lancaster High School
- \$1000 Paul Wittmer, Bassoon, Williamsville South High Schoo

# YADZINSKI SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS

- \$2500 - Cade Wyles, Cello, Amherst High School

# <u>6 HOUR MANDATED GOVERANCE TRAINING AND 6 HOUR MANDATED FISCAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:</u>

- Governance Training Part I May 28th 5:15 p.m. 8:15 p.m.
  - Part II June 1st 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
- \* A light dinner will be available Tuesday, May 28th
- \* A continental breakfast will be available Saturday June 1st.
- \* All sessions are In Person.
- \* Must attend both parts of a session to receive credit.
- \* All sessions will be held at Erie 1 BOCES; 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, Building B
- \* Participants must register with their district clerk the Friday before the training sessions.

**HOCKEY - HONOR ROLL** - As chosen by league coaches **Boys: First Teams** 

#### Large Schools:

Player of the Year: Carter Zakrzewski, Orchard Park

Matt Kasprowicz Williamsville North

John Blair-Gajdos Clarence

#### **Small Schools:**

Kyle Dailey
Ian Krakowiak
Owen McKinney
Frank Palladino
West Seneca West
Williamsville South
Williamsville South

Jacob Cyrek Starpoint
Austin Turnbull Kenmore East

#### **ECIC Division I**

Jadyn Clark Frontier

Hayden Blajszcak Williamsville North Sam Welgoss Williamsville North

Joey Wisniewski Lancaster Tyler Zent Frontier

Eric Cunningham Williamsville North

#### **ECIC Division II**

Drew Eckert Williamsville East Noah Hoffman Williamsville East

Brady Eich Hamburg C.J. Hurley Amherst

Tyler Delsanti Williamsville East

#### **NFL Division I**

Eric Baish Grand Island
Payton Abbott Grand Island
Jacob Simpson Kenmore East
Ian Hannon Grand Island

## **Girls: First Team All Federation**

Bella Jayme Kenmore/Grand Island/Lockport Izzy Bourgeault Kenmore/Grand Island/Lockport Maya Griffin Frontier/Lake Shore/Orchard Park Jenny Wild Clarence/Amherst/Sweet Home

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- April 18th Legislative Team Meeting 6:30 p.m./ B1
- April 27th 2nd Annual ECASB Road Rally 8:30 a.m. start time (Ken Ton UFSD School District).
- May 9th Delegate Assembly Meeting 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.; B1
- May 11th Legislative Wrap Up Breakfast @ The Columns Transit Road, Elma 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
- May 28th / June 1st Governance Training
- June 6th ECASB Annual Awards Dinner/Meeting 5:15 p.m. Registration; Kloc's Seneca Creek
   Road
- June 11th/15th Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training

#### SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- Harris Beach PLLC
  - June 22nd Practical Employee Considerations in Managing Your Workforce
  - June 27th Workplace Leave Laws webinar 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

#### **POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:**

#### **NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:**

- April 17th & 18th NYSED School Safety Summit. Event is free, but you must attend both days.
   May 8th Artificial Intelligence: A New Frontier for School District Policy. Join live or watch the recording at your convenience. 8:30 a.m. 11:45. \$140 for members / \$280 for non-members
- July 18th NYSSBA Summer Law Conference in Albany
- July 19th 20th NYSSBA's Leadership in Education Event

#### **NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:**

2025 National School Boards Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia March 29th - 31st.

## **AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

 ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION: Achieving the Joy and Mastery of Learning podcast listing. <u>CLICK HERE</u>

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Inquiring School Board Members want to know... "When I attend a workshop, a NYSSBA event or a the National School Boards event, what is the best way to report on any items that I learned? Answer: Different School Boards have different practices. A few Boards of Education have the Board Member write a written report that is distributed to the rest of the Board of Education. A few Boards have Board Members present what they learned at the next Board of Education meeting. If your Board of Education does not have a process for sharing information, you can also report on what you learned during the Board of Education comment section of the agenda.

# **NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:**

At the National School Boards Convention, the Orleans Niagara BOCES was recognized as the Magna Award winner for schools with enrollments less than 5000 students. The Magna Awards Process for 2025 is now open. If you have a unique program in your district that you would like to highlight, why not consider filling out an application. The application process is now open

The National School Boards Convention in 2025 will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. If your district has never sent Board of Education members, consider starting out and possibly sending 1 or 2 Board Members.

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