

# LEADERS AMONG US

## Getting to Know Your Presidents from ECASB Member Districts

“The Board has had to grapple with significant on-going internal challenges recently. Dana met those challenges and demonstrated great leadership, and a focus on collaboration with Board Members, district staff, the community and students.”

- Jeffrey F. Swiatek, Esq

**Leads with tact, poise and grace - to fulfill the district’s mission and vision.**

*Dana Szalay-Delaney has served on the Gowanda Central School Board for 5 years. She has served on the Policy Committee, the Building Committee, and the High School Support Board Member.*

At ECASB, Dana has served on the Legislative Committee and has received Leadership Recognition from Office of Children and Family

Services, the Office of Mental Health, and the Department of Health on program growth and development. Ms. Szalay-Delaney is currently employed by Child and Family Services of Erie County as a Director of Residential Treatment. She possess a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management and a Masters of Health Services Administration. My husband Christian Delaney, empowers me to believe in myself and my leadership skills. We have five children and I would not be where I am today without their love and support. I am blessed to have the amazing family I have. Their support has allowed me to be a very objective leader in the district and provide a calm and supportive environment. Leading by example, I listen and advocate for the community while following a process, structure and kindness. I am proud of the Gowanda district in working through the pandemic. The district staff changed quickly to overcome barriers, continue education, and ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff and the community. I would like to build on the spirit of collaboration into a larger scale some day through a position in the community at either the town or state wide position.

*“ I ran for the board hoping to build a strong team and close the gap. I believe that the board of education, the school officials, and the community should work together, support each other to obtain greater success. ”*

*Wife/ Mother*

“Nothing is better than a Capozzi’s Chicken Finger Sub on Jamestown Street in Gowanda

## **Coach of Youth Sports**

## **Surrogate Decision-Making Committee**

**My Grandfather ‘Papa’ always told me  
“You can change the world.”**

**Right: Board President Dana Szalay-Delaney visits with new teachers and staff at the Gowanda Board Meeting Meet and Greet.**

