



Erie County Association of School Boards

ECASB 2023

FALL SPEEDBOARDING

Thursday, November 30, 2023

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

A NIGHT FOCUSED ON CHILDREN ISSUES IN SCHOOLS

6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Family Court Judge Deanne Tripi

6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Harris Beach PLLC Attorneys Jeffrey Weiss, Esq. and Andrew Mark, Esq.

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Rachael Pudlewski from Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and three local Music Educators; James Schwanz (Buffalo Public Schools) Lynne Ruda (Lancaster CSD) Julie Furlong (Amherst CSD)

Presentation 1: "The Role of Schools in Family Court"

- The Honorable Deanne Tripi

The remarks will provide an overview of Family Court and the critical role that the Court plays in addressing issues of care and safety of families and children. Also included will be a discussion of the importance of the Attorney for the Child and their legal responsibilities. Teachers, Principals, school personnel and school counselors are on the front line when overseeing the wellbeing of children. The discussion will include the invaluable insight of the school officials when observing children and their role as mandated reporters when there is concern of possible abuse and/or neglect. The school plays a critical role, as neutral third parties in maintaining records regarding the children's school performance, attendance and

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concerns which frequently become part of the Court Record. As a result, school records become critical pieces of evidence. Another topic to be discussed is what the parent's legal rights are pertaining to sole custody, joint custody and independent access to the educational records. Finally, the remarks will touch on the, intentional and unintentional, actions of school personnel resulting in becoming witnesses in Family Court.

Presentation 2: "The Latest Developments in Student Discipline, Home Instruction and Special Education"

- Jeffrey Weiss, Esq.
- Andrew Mark, Esq.

Presentation 3: "Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra: Supporting Music Education in Our Schools"

- Rachael Pudlewski, BPO Associated Director of Education
 - Panelists from local school districts:
 - James Schwanz - Buffalo Public Schools
 - Lynne Ruda - Lancaster Central Schools
 - Julie Furlong - Amherst Central Schools

Through a variety of programming, the BPO provides learning opportunities for all people. We are honored to work with music educators, supporting administrators, and community partners each year to create a holistic and uplifting musical experience. A panel of esteemed local music educators will delve into their experiences working with the BPO, highlighting diverse BPO education programs and engagement of and impact on students at both the primary and secondary education levels.