

This Week At ECASB...

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

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL ECASB MEMBERS That will be running for re-election.

REMINDER: The Legislative Wrap Up Dinner on May 22nd was cancelled.

THE ECASB OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Friday, May 16th due to vacation time being used.

<u>SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO ECASB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND INFORMATION SPECIAL-IST TO SUE SUMMERS</u>: For all her work on the Erie Niagara School Superintendents Annual Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner. The dinner involved 464 attendees.

<u>ECASB ANNUAL DINNER</u>: Will again be held at Kloc's Grove in West Seneca on June 12th. Registration forms and information will be sent out next week. When I contacted Kevin at Kloc's he informed me that the prices remained the same from last year, hence we will be able to keep the same pricing as last years dinner. That was a pleasant surprise!

<u>GOVERNANCE TRAINING</u>: Is scheduled for June 3rd and 7th. June 3rd will be from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. with dinner provided. June 7th will be from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon with a continental breakfast. The program is in person and will be held at Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Road. Deadline to register is May 29th.

<u>FISCAL OVERSIGHT TRAINING</u>: Is scheduled for June 24th and 28th. June 24th will be from 5:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. with dinner provided. June 28th will be from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The program is in person and will be held at Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Road. Deadline to register is June 19th.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. DAVID EVANS</u> who will become the Cleveland Hill UFSD Superintendent on July 1st. 2025.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. PHIL JOHNSON</u> who will become the new superintendent at Lake Shore CSD.

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<u>CALL FOR BASKETS AT ANNUAL DINNER</u>: If you or your Board of Education members would like to donate a basket for the ECASB Annual Basket Raffle at the ECASB Annual Dinner, please contact Sue Summers at ssummers@e1b.org so that we can have the proper signage.

NYSSBA RESOLUTIONS IMPORTANT DATES:

- July 18, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Deadline for submission of proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions.
 - September 8, 2025 Distribution of proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions book.
- September 19, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Deadline for submission or amendments rebuttals and endorsements.
 - September 29, 2025 Distribution of voting delegate guide
 - October 16, 2025 @4:00 p.m. Annual NYSSBA Virtual Business Meeting.

<u>LE ROY NATIVE, ACTOR, AND ENTERTAINER WILL BE AT LE ROY HIGH SCHOOL THIS COMING SUNDAY</u>. A graduate of Le Roy CSD, John Bolton will be returning to his Alma Matre. John has appeared on Broadway in shows such as Wicked, Titanic, Damn Yankees, Spam A Lot, A Christmas Story: The Musical and many others. He has appeared Off-Broadway, appeared in film including Elementary, Blue Bloods, Law and order: Criminal Intent, All My Children and As the World Turns.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- June 3rd Governance Training Part 1 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m., B1; B2b
- June 7th Governance Training Part 2 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon; B1, B2b
- June 12th ECASB Annual Dinner and Meeting 5:30 p.m. at Kloc's
- June 24th Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training Part 1; 5:15 p.m.– 8:15 p.m., B2a,B2b
- June 26th Executive Board Retreat 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. B1
- June 28th Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training Part 2; 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m., B2a & B2b

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

- Grand Island School Board Member Sherry Steffans will be running for Grand Island Councilperson. Her fundraiser is June 11th at Malwitz's Bowling. Cost is \$40 and includes shoes, bowling, pizza and pop.
- Friday, July 11th Assembly Cup Golf Tournament NYS Assemblyman David DiPietro @ Elma Meadows Golf Course 1711 Girdle Road, Elma, New York. Individual is \$150, twosome \$300, and foursome \$500. Includes Lunch at the turn, 18 hole of golf, dinner, contests and prizes. To register and information contact Jeff Sounder at 716-866-0478 or daviddipietroforyou@gmail.com

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- Developing and Supporting Effective Superintendents: Thursday, August 21st from 8:00 a.m. -Noon. - Live Virtual
- Leadership in Education Event August 1st and 2nd in Albany, New York (more details to follow).
- NYSSBA Summer Law Conferences:
 - July 15th Long Island

- July 31st—Albany
- August 5th-6th Live Virtual

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:

- July 13th - 15th - Summer Conference at Lake Placid. Single day registration is \$250. Full conference registration is \$495. If you have questions please reach out to Andrea Durmiaki, RSA Director of Communications and Planning at adurmiak@rsany.org. Registration will be coordinated through FEH BOCES. Register at rsaconference@fehb.org.

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Erie Niagara School Superintendents has a list of all of their podcasts over the last three years. If
you are interested in subscribing or following the <u>E-NSSA</u> podcast you can search for "Achieving
Joy and Mastery in Public Schools" within your favorite podcast platform.

<u>BEST PRACTICES</u>: Many districts will often have an art show, music performances, and school organizations hosting a chicken barbeque the day/evening of the budget vote. Because many people including seniors show up to vote, it is a great way for the district to showcase the many talents of the students in the district.

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

This week took me to Le Roy CSD in Genesee County. They have several Committee Reports on their Board Agenda that I have not seen very often in this area. The Committee Reports include Negotiations, Shared Decision Making and Genesee Valley School Boards Association.

IN SPORTS:

GIRLS BASKETBALL -

Player of the Year: Madison Francis (Lancaster)

Class A First Team:

Kimora Berry Williamsville South

Molly Mecall Iroquois

BOYS BASKETBALL -

All Western New York:

Large Schools First Team:

Carter Lampke Williamsville South

Small Schools First Team:

Tacari McCray Olmsted

All ECIC:

First Team:

Elijah Dixson Amherst

Carter Lampke Williamsville South

Justus Kleitz Iroquois Antonio Andrews Amherst Sam Platt Pioneer

ECIC I:

First Team:

Max Mancabelli Orchard Park
Chris Fagan Williamsville North
Brody Monaco Orchard Park

ECIC II:

Player of the Year: Antonio Andrews (Amherst) Coach of the Year: Chris Kensy (Amherst)

First Team:

Elijah Dixson Amherst

Carter Lampke Williamsville South Nate Wilemski Williamsville South

Ash Hunter Hamburg
Jackson Griesmer Starpoint
Cohen Vogel Starpoint

ECIC III:

Co-Players of the Year: Sam Platt (Pioneer) and Justus Kleitz (Iroquois)

Co-Coaches of the Year: DeMario Rhodes (Cheektowaga) and Brian Ellsworth (Pioneer)

First Team:

Jerome Shanklin Cheektowaga
Dwayne Sykes Cheektowaga
Kyle McNamara Lake Shore
Karter Giboo Pioneer

ECIC IV:

Player of the Year: Kalen Czelusta (Alden)

First Team:

Jaxyn Moritz Maryvale
Ben Ziegler East Aurora
Kole Stratter Depew
Jordan Szymanski Depew
Kalen Czelusta Alden

ECIC V:

Player of the Year: Brady Wiskup (Holland) Coach of the Year: Matthew Krotz (Holland)

Sportsmanship: Simon Brown (Holland), Hayden Jozwiak (Cheektowaga-Sloan)

First Team:

Chris Krenick Eden

Mike Mingle Cheektowaga Sloan

Kobe Genco Eden Tyler Wakelam Eden

Niagara Frontier:

Player of the Year: Jayce Wylke

First Team:

Harlem Brannon Kenmore-West Dane Brown Grand Island

Niagara Orleans

First Team:

Benjamin Gerstung Akron Derren Brooks Akron

Yale Cup I:

Player of the Year: Cardell Staples (McKinley)

Co-Coaches of the Year: Zaire Dorsey (McKinley) and Ty Parker (HeaLth Sciences)

First Team:

Cardell Staples McKinley

Nahssan Young
Zayvion Hawkins
Romeo Kidd
Health Sciences
Health Sciences
Hutch Tech

Daniel Dones McKinley

Yale Cup II:

Player of the Year: Tacari McCray (Olmsted) Coaches of the Year: Andrew Bush (Olmsted)

First Team:

Tacari McCray Olmsted
Anthony Johnson MEC
Jadon Wood Olmsted
Haile Doucet MST
Brandon Singletary MST

Yale Cup III:

Player of the Year: Jamere Robinson (Buffalo Culinary)

Coach of the Year: Randy Rakowski (Emerson)

First Team:

Jamere Robinson Buffalo Culinary William Leightman City Honors

Antoine Williams East
Jaheim Foster Riverside
Ray Jackson Buffalo Arts

CCIA East:

First Team:

Tre Warrior Gowanda