

Get to Know: **THERESA SCHUTA**

# BOARD CONNECTION

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## **PRODUCT OF BPS**

**South Park High School**  
**Buffalo State College (University)**  
**Canisius College (University)**

**Terri Schuta** is one of the newest Buffalo School Board members. The Buffalo School Board elections were moved to November this past year with new

Board Members starting their Board service January 1st. Theresa (Drilling) Schuta represents the Park District. She is a retired Buffalo School teacher and principal who served at both Southside Elementary and South Park High School, two schools that she once attended. Terri recently retired from the Buffalo Public School district after serving as a teacher and principal after nearly 30 years of service. She ran for the Board of Education because she would like to bring to the board her perspective and discussions to the table based on her experiences. She feels that her expertise could assist the district in the goal of promoting student achievement. During her tenure on the Board, she would like to work with others within appropriate roles to ensure success for all of the students while providing a safe environment. Upon graduation from South Park High School, she attended Buffalo State College (University) and graduated in 1982. She furthered her career and earned a Master's in Education from Canisius College (University) in 1996. While attending South Park High School, she was the Class President and a driving force in the reorganization of the South Park High School Alumni Association, which recently became a 501C organization. She has been active in the community serving as a Board Member for the Hillside

## **NEW BOARD MEMBER:**

**THERESA SCHUTA**  
**BUFFALO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**NOVEMBER 30TH  
SPEED BOARDING  
MUSIC TEACHERS FROM  
BUFFALO, LANCASTER &  
AMHERST TAKE PART IN  
PANEL DISCUSSION**

## **TRIVIA.....**

Identify one of the ECASB Legislative initiatives for the 2023-2024 school year. All correct entries are entered into a drawing for a \$15.00 Tim Hortons Gift Card. Email Sue Summers at [ssummers@e1b.org](mailto:ssummers@e1b.org)

**FALL SPEEDBOARDING**  
November 30, 2023

Annual Mug Give Away is part of the November 30th Speed Boarding.



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Work/Scholarship Advisory, Notre Dame Academy, and South Buffalo Educational Center. Over the course of her career she has received numerous awards including: Champion of Change Recognition from the New York State Education Department, Women of Influence from Business First, United Way Volunteer of the Year, Bishop Timon/Saint Jude Joseph Hillery Community Award, Friend of Prevention WNY United Against Drugs, Educator of the Year South Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, and the Daemen College Foundation Award. Terri has been married for 41 years to Michael Schuta, a retired City of Buffalo Police Officer. Her daughter, Katie Whiteside has followed in her mother's education career path and currently serves as principal of the Buffalo School of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management. Her son Michael has his MBA from the University of Buffalo. Terri's son-in law (Jon Whiteside) also serves as a Buffalo School principal. Terri is a proud grandmother to two grandchildren. In retirement and in her spare time, Terri likes to enjoy spending time with family and friends. Terri has learned over the years that it takes a city to focus on the successful development of the whole child. Their mind, emotions, family and respect for self and others are all significant in fostering success of children today.



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