

# Convention



# Connection



## **September 15, 2023 Update**

### **Your latest Convention & Education Expo News brought to you by ECASB and NYSSBA**

**ECASB WILL BE SPONSORING A KICK OFF TO CONVENTION.** On Wednesday October 25th join us at Resurgence Brewing Company at 55 Chicago Street, from 6:30 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. There will be no cost to attend the event; however, limited space is available. More details will be coming. Event will be open to ECASB members (Board Members, District Clerks, and Superintendents) whether you are attending the convention or not). Registration will be on a first come basis. Watch for information next week.

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

**Part I:** The following individuals have volunteered to serve on a committee to help ECASB plan for the table that will be on the ground floor of the Buffalo Convention Center: Stephanie Dombrowski (Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD), Melissa Schutrum (West Seneca CSD), Kimberly Bukaty (Lackawanna City SD), and Crystal Kaczmarek-Bogner (Williamsville CSD). District Clerk Gina Santa Maria (Ken Ton UFSD) has volunteered to assist at the table at some time during the convention. Watch for a notice for virtual meeting.

**Part II:** We will have a flyer for attendees with places to eat, places to have a drink, and places to see in the city. If you have a favorite place that you think we should have on the list - PLEASE SEND THAT TO ME ASAP.

**ECASB WILL HAVE A TABLE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION CENTER.** We will be looking for ECASB members to help staff the booth during the convention to act as an ambassador to the area and hand out ECASB memorabilia.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- October 13th - Convention Registration Change Request Forms Due

- October 13th - Cancellations before October 13th will be refunded less a cancellation fee.
- October 14th - No Refunds

**Featured Sessions (Presenters from WNY Districts):**

- **Benefits of Interscholastic Athletic Participation with Robert Zayas** (panel facilitator)
  - Local panelists include **Marisa Fallacaro** (Athletic Director of West Seneca CSD); **Bill Kresse** (Principal of City Honors HS); **Adam Stoltman** (Superintendent of Alden Central Schools).
- **School Safety Through Transformational Leadership**
  - Local presenter will be **Mark Laurrie** (Superintendent of Niagara Falls City SD)
- **Earning an A in Grading Policies and Procedures** - Lewiston Porter CSD
- **Media is Calling! Learn the Three P's of a Successful Interview** - Amherst CSD and Williamsville CSD
- **Don't Get on the Electric Bus Just Yet: Strategize** - Sweet Home CSD
- **DEI - Student Voice is the Initiative** - Sweet Home CSD
- **Family Support Centers: Leveraging Community Partnerships to Support Kids** - Clarence CSD
- **Creating Equity: Increasing Student Achievement and Engagement through Stem Initiatives—Buffalo Public Schools**
- **Elevating Scholar Voice Through Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Programs** - Buffalo Public Schools
- **If You Give a Mouse a Megaphone** - Akron CSD
- **Count Down to Zero Emissions: New York's Electric School Bus Transition panel discussion moderated by Brian Fessler**
  - Local panel member: **Perry Oddi** (Transportation Supervisor - Lake Shore CSD)
- **Unique and Successful Board/Superintendent Relationships** - Pine Valley CSD
- **Educational Supports to Accelerate Student Learning** - Cattaraugus Little Valley CSD
- **Responding to the Toughest Questions Faced by Boards of Education** - Lockport City SD and Orleans Niagara BOCES
- **The Emerging Role of an Ombuds in K-12 Education** - Erie 2 CC BOCES

**STUDENT PARTICIPATION:**

- **Buffalo Public Schools Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Students** - Will work at registration, scan member badges at workshop sessions, provide directions and help Convention Attendees on site.
- **Pioneer Central School District** - Students will feature sheep, goats, miniature horses and a tractor on the expo floor.
- **Buffalo Public School Performing Arts Honor Choir** will perform at the Opening Session on Thursday, Oct. 26th
- **Amherst CSD will have two student groups performing:**
  - At the State Education Department General Session on Friday, October 27th.
- **Cleveland Hill Middle School** - On the Expo floor.
- **BPS Student Technology and BPS Community Schools**— On the Expo Floor
- **Orleans Niagara BOCES CTE** - On the Expo Floor

**ECASB Platinum, Gold and Silver Level Sponsors: The following ECASB Sponsors will be at the Convention. Visit them on the Convention Floor. Watch for details about our Sponsor/District Contest:**

- **Gold Level/Silver Level Sponsors & Program Providers:**
  - **Campus Construction Management**
  - **C & S Companies**
  - **Corporate Screening and Investigative Group**

- Day Automation
- John W. Danforth Company
- NYSIR (New York State Insurance Reciprocal)
- PERMA
- SuperEval
- Young and Wright Architects

Watch for ECASB's Friends from NYSSBA who will be at the Convention: The following NYSSBA members have attended ECASB events, participated in virtual meetings and workshops with ECASB members, and helped ECASB over the course of the last year.

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| - Caroline Bobick  | - Senior Governmental Relations Representative      |
| - John Daley       | - Governmental Relations Representative             |
| - Matt DeLaus      | - Governmental Relations Representative             |
| - Patrick Longo    | - Member Relations Manager                          |
| - Brian Fessler    | - Director of Governmental Relations                |
| - Barry Entwistle  | - Director of Member Relations                      |
| - Zac Adams        | - Business Development and Member Relations Manager |
| - Jay Worona       | - Deputy Director of NYSSBA                         |
| - Robert Schneider | - Executive Director of NYSSBA                      |

**ECASB SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:**

- **Creating a Culture of Excellence Through Goal Attainment and Reflective Evaluations**  
SuperEval Presenters: Michael L. Horning, Jr / Bob P. Hartz
- **Investigating Student Non-Residency**  
CSI Group LLC: Tony Olivo
- **Safety Solutions in Special Education**  
PERMA: Andrea Nagel
- **Hardening the Target-Softening the Environment**  
NYSIR: Brett Caruthers and Charles Chafee
- **Employee Religious Accommodation Rights**  
Hodgson Russ LLP: Luisa Bostick, Esq.
- **Managing the Capital Project Process**  
Campus Construction: Tracy Thomas and Mark Esposito
- **Shining A Light on Solar: A Comprehensive Methodology for Solar Initiatives**  
Young and Wright: Shawn Wright
- **School Elections and Budget Votes - Addressing Potential Challenges**  
- Harris Beach PLLC: Laura Purcell, Esq.
- **Special Education - The Basics and Some Recent Developments**  
- Hodgson Russ LLP: Ryan L. Everhart, Esq.
- **Superintendent Contracts**  
- Webster Szanyi, LLP - Marnie Smith, Esq.

**CLIENT RECEPTIONS:** The following ECASB Sponsors have announced their CLIENT Receptions. If your district is a Client of one of the sponsors, they should contact the Business to register for their reception.

- Harris Beach PLLC; Friday, October 27th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Osteria (166 Franklin Street across from the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center)
- Hodgson Russ LLP; Friday October 27th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Big Ditch Brewing Company (155 E. Huron Street)
- Young and Wright Architectural; Friday October 27th 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m at Silos (at 50 Elk Street)