



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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DISTRICT CLERK PROGRAM WAS HELD OCTOBER 24TH- Topics included Capital Project Votes and Bonds; Digitizing Records; Chair Yoga; and a District Clerk Roundtable. There were approximately 30 attendees. The Chair Yoga was a very relaxing experience.

NEW YORK STATE RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION WINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: The theme this year is 'Building a Bridge Over Troubled Water - Making the Most of a Good Crisis'. Highlights of the conference include:

- Presentation Leader of the Year Award to Education Commissioner Rosa.
- Rockefeller Institute presentations on recommendations on Foundation Aid Reform
- Roundtable with NYSSBA Governmental Relations and NYSSCOS
- New Negotiations for a New Era
- Workshop to provide attendees with the skills and tools they need to manage change, involve their communities, and excel in a challenging environment.

Registration closes November 15th. The program takes place at the Excelsior Spring Event Center and Courtyard Saratoga Springs December 4th & 5th.

VISITATIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: I attended the East Aurora UFSD Board of Education meeting on Wednesday October 23rd. Thank you to President Joe Cassidy, Vice President Jessica Armbrust, and Board Members Paul Blowers, Daniel Brunson, Kimberlee Danieu, Maria Improta, and Terry Ohlweiler. Also thank you to Superintendent Brian Russ and District Clerk Elizabeth Casey. I heard a wonderful presentation by the EASE PTSA which is a PTSA formed by Special Education advocates in the district. The East Aurora Special Education PTSA is comprised of parents, students, teachers, administrators and Board Members. With only two months into the year, they have 81 new members.

DON'T FORGET REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 16TH AT RESURGENCE BREWING COMPANY. Deadline to register is November 1st. Last year many people thought ECASB had one of the best Legislative Breakfast/Dinners. This year the program will be even better. Several legislators have already confirmed their attendance. Over the course of the last few years, we have found that meeting with Legislators before they leave for Albany to begin the next legislative session is the most impactful. December we will follow up with meet-

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ings with Legislators in their local office and in February travel to Albany for the Capital Conference.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AKRON CSD SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA KERSTEN: Who has been named as the Superintendent Representative on the ECASB Legislative Committee.

THANK YOU TO THE LEGISLATIVE SUB COMMITTEE: Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan (Iroquois), Legislative Co-Chairs Scott Johnson (Sweet Home), Kathleen Chiavetta (Erie 2 CC BOCES and Lake Shore) and Erik Polkowski (Akron), Mary Jo Szucs (Holland), Kristin Schmutzler (Tonawanda), Lorene Barulich (West Seneca), Gordon Crocker (Amherst), Dennis Priore (Clarence), Kristy Pingitore (Akron), Ed Shaefer (Cheektowaga), Zack Nobles (Gowanda), and Ashli Dreher (Grand Island) for meeting last night to finalize details for the Legislative Breakfast. Remember, we need to have a good showing so that our Legislators know that we are serious about Public Education.

NOVEMBER 21ST FALL SPEED BOARDING/DESSERT FORUM. The Fall Speed Boarding Program is our Dessert Forum. Presentations from Lackawanna City SD, Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD and Lake Shore CSD will be featured.

GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST: Great Pumpkin Contest is currently under way. Each day the clues become more specific. If you are on the right track, Sue Summers will let you know you are correct. Clues will build from day to day. Hence, the first clue narrowed down the number of districts from 30 to 10 districts.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- October - ECASB Board Recognition Month
- **November 1st - Deadline to Register for Legislative Breakfast**
- November 16th - Legislative Breakfast at Resurgence Brewing Company
- November 14th - Deadline to Register for Fall Speed Boarding
- November 21st - Fall Speed Boarding / Dessert Forum
- December 1st - Elf on a Shelf Promotion

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

October 29th - Oktoberfest to support NYS Assemblyman Bill Conrad. \$50 per person DFK Pavillion 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 1200 Parker Blvd.

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:

- December 4th and 5th - Winter Conference 2024 at Saratoga Springs

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- **2025 National School Boards Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia April 4th-6th.**

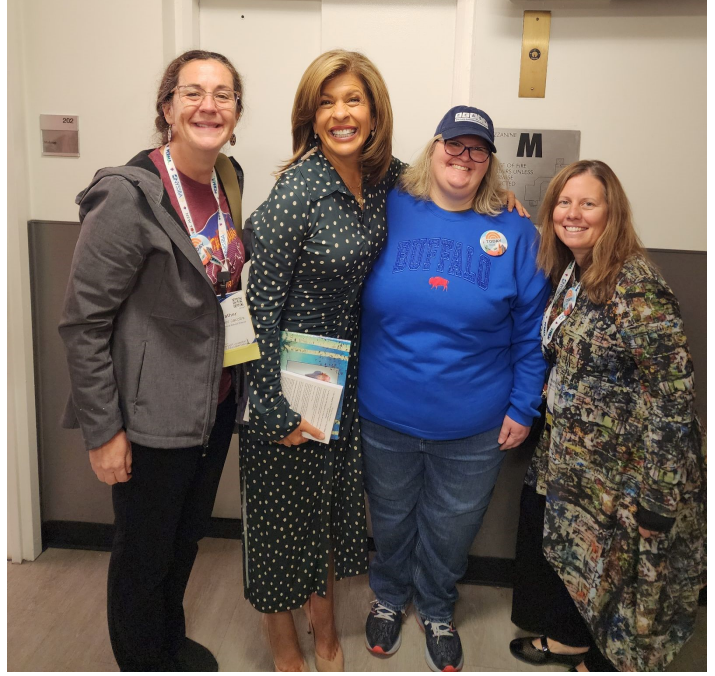
AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

BEST PRACTICES: Attending the NYSSBA Convention allows attendees to visit different presentations and learn best practices from around the state. Although I was not in the particular presentation, one of the attendees from ECASB shared a resource that was a guide for parents that was print-

ed on a post card at one of the sessions they had attended. On the post card, there were topics...ie. Classroom, Sports, Finances. Under each of the main topics, it had a listing of the Chain of Command that should be followed when a problem arises.

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

When NYSSBA sends out the survey on the Convention and Expo, please take the time to fill out completely and provide feedback so that we can continue to improve the experience. If you have specific concerns that you would like to tell me, please do so. The Board of Directors will have NYSSBA Executive Board Meeting in December. If you were unable to attend the in person Convention and Expo in New York and took part in the Virtual format, please share your comments with me as well.



Holland CSD Board Member Mary Jo Szucs and Iroquois CSD Board Members Heather Jacobs and Heather Becker went to the Today Show early Monday morning. Mary Jo wore her ECASB Baseball Cap to bring added exposure to ECASB. They were able to get their picture with Hoda Kotb and talk privately with the host of the Today Show. Mary Jo Szucs purchased a book Hoda Kotb wrote, "I've Loved You Since Forever" and wanted her to sign the book. Next year watch for the stakes of competition for the free Board Dinner to be increased.