



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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ECASB OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY APRIL 19TH: The ECASB office is closed today, Friday April 19th due to vacation time. Staff will be checking email and as always, you can reach the me on my cell phone.

UPCOMING DATES: April 22nd - Earth Day; April 24th - Administrative Professional's Day

NEW YORK STATE BUDGET NEWS. Still waiting on final New York State budget.

NYSSBA'S 2024 LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION EVENT: To be held July 19th and 20th at the Crown Plaza Albany at the The Desmond Hotel has announced registration is now open. One of the featured sessions will be on AI. Other sessions include many of the issues you are facing such as: Declining Enrollment, New Pathways for Future-Ready Students; Chronic Absenteeism, Current NYSED Initiatives, Navigating Board Conflict, Teacher Shortages, and Supporting Academic Achievement for All. This will be the 3rd annual Leadership in Education event. Register with NYSSBA.

NEXT ECASB EVENT IS THE 2ND ANNUAL ROAD RALLY. We already have the teams from Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD, Clarence CSD, a mixed team from Iroquois CSD/Holland CSD, Ken-Ton UFSD, and Tonawanda City. It is most helpful if there are three people in the car...one person drives, while the other two work on clues and activities. The Road Rally will take place in the Ken-Ton UFSD district. Last year, we traveled the roads of the Buffalo School District and learned about the district along the way. There are clues to get you to the different stops along the way. Once you reach each spot on the route, you take a picture and send it in to obtain the next clue. There are also ways to earn bonus points. Last year a few of the bonus points included: helping someone pump their gas at a local station, getting a picture of a police officer, obtaining a picture of a postage stamp, along with about 30 other ways you could earn bonus points. Lunch is provided after the event. The event & lunch should end at 1:00 p.m. This is a great team building activity. All participants that took part last year agreed that the event was fun, engaging, and at times a challenge. If you do not have three Board Members that want to take part, you could bring an administrator, or spouse. Teams are awarded first place for (1) Best Time, (2) Most points, and (3) Best Creativity.

NYSSBA 2024 RESOLUTIONS KIT was emailed to all NYSSBA members on April 16th. Included in the kit are the results of the 2024 Resolutions Survey. Please pay attention to the deadlines for submitting resolutions. Proposed resolutions and bylaw amendments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024. The 2024 Annual Business meeting will once again be virtual and will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024.

AT LAST NIGHT'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Legislative Aide Dan Souder from Assemblyman David DiPietro's office attended the meeting. This is the first time that a Legislator sent an aide to the committee meeting. Mr. Souder was able to answer a few questions the group had, but more importantly was able to hear concerns from ECASB Member Districts that he can now take back

to the Assemblyman. Mr. Souder has a better understanding of how legislation and action taking place in Albany affects districts in his area. All legislators receive a copy of a list of our meetings throughout the year when the calendar is established and are welcome to attend any meeting.

NYSSBA LIVE VIRTUAL POLICY WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Wednesday, May 8th 2024; 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$140 for members and \$280 for non members. Register directly with NYSSBA.

ECASB ANNUAL DINNER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH. We are in the process of finalizing details. Please note that the dinner will be at Kloc's in West Seneca. We will have our traditional ECASB Basket Raffle and Split Club which benefits that Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship fund. Baskets should be donated by individuals or ECASB members. More details will be sent out in the weeks ahead.

6 HOUR MANDATED GOVERNANCE TRAINING AND 6 HOUR MANDATED FISCAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Governance Training - Part I - May 28th 5:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Part II - June 1st 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- * A light dinner will be available Tuesday, May 28th
- * A continental breakfast will be available Saturday June 1st.
- * All sessions are In Person.
- * Must attend both parts of a session to receive credit.
- * All sessions will be held at Erie 1 BOCES; 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, Building B
- * Participants must register with their district clerk the Friday before the training sessions.

CAN'T MAKE ECASB'S GOVERNANCE TRAINING? Right down the thruway at Monroe County School Boards, they will host their in person training on June 8th. Registration will take place at 7:30 a.m. with the program from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. . The program is almost identical to our in person training. The cost will be \$175.00; breakfast and lunch will be provided with a 1/2 hour for lunch and two 10 minute breaks. You can check out their website or call 585-328-1972 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. On the selection of a new Superintendent. Lisa Kreuger, formerly an Assistant Superintendent of the Orchard Park CSD will become Superintendent in July.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ECASB SILVER SPONSOR WEBSTER SZANYI. They were selected as one of the Best Places to work among small companies in Western New York according to Business First Magazine. **ECASB GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR JOHN W. DANFORTH** has been selected the 3rd largest subcontractor based on revenue.

ADDITIONAL SPEED BOARDING THANK YOU: Thank you to Erie 1 BOCES Director of Career and Technical Education, Scott Bindemann; Calspan Career and Technical Center Principal Simone Klubek and instructors, Marc Hunt, Rafael Estrada, Paul Ceppaglia, Jason Bieger, and Alex Killion.

NAMM (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUSIC MERCHANTS): announced the 2024 Best Communities: for Music Education Districts. ECASB Districts on the list from among 975 school districts nationwide include: Akron CSD (12 years); Amherst CSD (2 years); Clarence CSD (19 years); East Aurora UFSD (1 year); Frontier CSD (13 years); Grand Island CSD (13 years); Kenmore Town of Tonawanda UFSD (14 years); Orchard Park CSD (8 years); Pioneer CSD (7 years); Starpoint CSD(3 years); West Seneca CSD (13 years); and Williamsville CSD (14 years).

WE SAY GOOD BYE TO SHANNON COHEN: Who resigned from the Lancaster CSD Board of Education on April 16th. Shannon served as Vice President of the Board, was the districts Delegate Assembly Representative, the alternate on the Legislative Team, and served as the Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Annual meeting.

THREE NEW BOOKS IN ECASB LIBRARY:

- Educator Bandwith - Jane A.G. Kise and Ann C. Holm
- Personal and Authentic - Thomas C. Murray

- **Why Are We Still Doing That? - Persia Himmele and William Himmele**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- April 27th - 2nd Annual ECASB Road Rally 8:30 a.m. start time (Ken Ton UFSD School District).
- May 9th - Delegate Assembly Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; B1
- May 11th - Legislative Wrap Up Breakfast @ The Columns - Transit Road, Elma 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
- May 28th / June 1st - Governance Training
- June 6th - ECASB Annual Awards Dinner/Meeting 5:15 p.m. Registration; Kloc's - Seneca Creek Road
- June 11th/15th - Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training

SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- **Harris Beach PLLC**
 - June 22nd - Practical Employee Considerations in Managing Your Workforce
 - June 27th - Workplace Leave Laws webinar 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

None Listed

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- May 8th - Artificial Intelligence: A New Frontier for School District Policy. Join live or watch the recording at your convenience. 8:30 a.m. - 11:45. \$140 for members / \$280 for non-members
- June 3rd - A NYSSBA Membership Survey will be sent to all NYSSBA members, please take a few moments to fill out and return.
- July 18th - NYSSBA Summer Law Conference in Albany
- July 19th - 20th NYSSBA's Leadership in Education Event

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:

- April 23rd - State Budget Webinar @ 12:00 p.m.
- July 14th-16th - Summer Conference @ Lake Placid, New York

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- 2025 National School Boards Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia March 29th - 31st.

AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- **ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION:** Achieving the Joy and Mastery of Learning podcast listing. [CLICK HERE](#)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: *Inquiring School Board Members want to know... "What is the New York State Educational Conference Board?" Answer: The NYS Educational Conference Board is a group comprised of 7 statewide education organizations. The group includes: Association of School Business Officials New York; The Conference of Big 5; The Council of School Superintendents; The New York State PTA; The New York State School Boards Association; New York State United Teachers Association; and School Administrators Association of New York State. The group, although they have their own initiatives, often are in alignment on issues related to education.*

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

At the National School Boards Convention, the Orleans Niagara BOCES was recognized as the Magna Award winner for schools with enrollments less than 5000 students. The Magna Awards Process for

2025 is now open. If you have a unique program in your district that you would like to highlight, why not consider filling out an application. The application process is now open. The National School Boards Convention in 2025 will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. If your district has never sent Board of Education members, consider starting out and possibly sending 1 or 2 Board Members.

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Presentation of the Leaders of Tomorrow Award. Left to Right: Amherst Superintendent Anthony Panella, Amherst Central High School senior Samantha Jay, Amherst CSD Board President Paul Steimle, and NYSSBA Area 1 Director David Lowrey. Samantha Jay was recognized for establishing the first Mental Health Awareness Committee at Amherst Central High School. The Leaders of Tomorrow NYSSBA Award is an unsolicited award. NYSSBA Member Relations staff review E-Clipse and focus on articles related to Student Leadership. The presentation took place at the Amherst Central School Board Meeting this past Tuesday night.

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