



'Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) & New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) together' provides members with important news, notes and updates related to our collaborative efforts in the area of professional development, news, events, and advocacy.

ADVOCACY: Virtual Congressional meetings will begin soon. Meetings will be conducted using zoom. NYSSBA will always set up a pre-meeting if one is needed. Information will be sent out to the Advocacy Liaisons prior to the meeting. The meeting with Congressman Higgins is scheduled for 7/28 at 1:30 pm. Meeting should be approximately an hour. If you have questions, please contact ECASB Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan or NYSSBA Grassroots Advocacy Manager and Governmental Relations Coordinator Danielle Grasso.

DID YOU KNOW: 54% of elected school board candidates are incumbents. 88% of candidates elected were endorsed by their local teachers' union. Many elected candidates did not base their campaign around 'hot-button issues such as DEI, or COVID restrictions; however many of those candidates who did focus on these issues, lost their elections. THEMES THAT WERE COMMON IN MANY RACES INCLUDED: Community cohesion, fostering inclusivity, access to resources, and expansion of programs including STEM. (NYSSBA gathered information).

UPCOMING NYSSBA TRAINING:

In-person:

- August 12th at the "Let's Connect" program in Albany. - Governance Training only.
- September 16th - Fiscal Oversight Training in Latham.
- October 14th-15th - Governance Training and Fiscal Oversight Training - Long Island

Live Virtual

- November 5th - Governance Training
- November 18th - 19th - Fiscal Oversight Training

FOR NEW BOARD PRESIDENTS:

Check out the NYSSBA Presidents Gavel podcasts for tips to invest in your leadership development.

LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION EVENT - LET'S CONNECT: Is August 12th and 13th at the Crowne Plaza, Albany. Learn about the following topics:

- Critical role school boards play in promoting democracy.
- Running effective and civil school board meetings.
- Building unity for successful governance.
- Best practices for building constructive community engagement.
- Turning learning loss into learning gains.
- How school board leaders can support healthy school communities.
- The importance of educating the whole child.

NYSSBA CONVENTION - NYSSBA '22 TOGETHER AGAIN: October 27 - 29, 2022, Syracuse, New York. Registration opens August 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

DURING YOUR REORGANIZATION MEETINGS: Please make sure that you select a voting delegate for the annual business meeting. The virtual business meeting takes place on October 17th. You have to be a registered delegate to vote, however, you do not need to be attending the actual conference to vote on behalf of your district.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Both ECASB and NYSSBA can tailor professional development programs for your Board Development. Please also reach out to our Gold and Silver Level Sponsors for reports about various topics where they would be considered and expert in their field to address concerns of the Board.