



## This Week At ECASB ...

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

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**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP BREAKFAST IS SATURDAY MAY 11TH WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 A.M.** You should be registered by now if you are attending. Event will feature Senator Patrick Gallivan and Assemblyman William Conrad.

**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 the Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship fund. Baskets should be donated by individuals or ECASB members. More details will be sent out in the weeks ahead. Registration and Cocktails will be at 5:00 P.M. Featured awards will be presented at 5:40 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., we will conclude with recognition of Service Awards, Rising Star Awards, Shining Star Awards, Retiring Board Members, installation of officers, and the annual meeting. The night will conclude at approximately 8:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. In addition, we will have door prizes, the ECASB annual Basket Raffle and the ECASB annual split club to benefit the Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship Fund that assists Board Members with travel to the NYSSBA Capital Conference and Federal Relations Network. A group of Board Members can donate a basket, but school funds may not be used for this purpose.

**NYSSBA'S EVERETT R. DYER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE:** The Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service is presented annually to a current or former school board member in recognition of outstanding contributions to public education. Nominees should:

1. Have gone above and beyond the call of duty and achieved ground-breaking results on behalf of children.
2. Possess selfless devotion that has inspired you, other board members or the community.
3. Makes an ideal role model for future generations of school board members.

Deadline is June 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. I would encourage each ECASB Board of Education to look around the Board table and consider a Board Member who might be worthy of this nomination. It would be awesome to have a recipient of an ECASB Board of Education receive the award at the NYSSBA Convention this October. Please contact NYSSBA Member Relations Manager at [Patrick.Longo@nyssba.org](mailto:Patrick.Longo@nyssba.org) or at 518-783-3706.

**HOMEWORK FOR BOARD PRESIDENTS:** Onboarding to Build Successful School Boards NYSSBA'S President Gavel Podcast is available on the NYSSBA website. An effective onboarding process benefits new members by helping them acclimate quickly while avoiding common pitfalls. Please keep in mind that you may have new School Board members who do not complete their Mandated Governance Training or Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training prior to the first meeting. In some cases, you may have Board Members who may not complete their training until the end of their first year. The podcast provides helpful advice for designing an On Boarding process. The On Boarding process is not the same as an orientation. The host of the podcast is Jamie McPherson, Deputy Director of Leadership Development for NYSSBA and guest Mark Snyder, Senior Leadership Development

Manager of NYSSBA and a former School Board Member.

**RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:** Clarifies position on Regional High Schools. RSA is not seeking regional high schools for all small and rural districts. Regional High Schools are just an option that schools may utilize to address the needs of children with less funding from New York State. RSA emphasizes Regional High Schools should be an option - not a mandate for schools in New York state.

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:** There will be a change in leadership at Chautauqua County School Boards Association. Jane Sullivan and I have attended a few of the their events. Executive Director Ray Fashano will be retiring and Todd Crandall will be taking on the role as Executive Director. Secretary Jennifer Johnson will be retiring from the organization, and Laura Smith will assume her duties.

**NYSSBA PESENTED "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: A NEW FRONTIER FOR SCHOOL DISTRIC POLICY" ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024.** The workshop was recorded and can be watched at a later time. The cost for members is \$140; non members is \$280.

**NYSSBA'S LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION EVENT WILL BE JULY 19TH AND 20TH:** The two day professional developing network will feature the following topics:

- Declining Enrollment
- New Pathways for Future-Ready Students
- Navigating Board Conflict
- Artificial Intelligence
- Teacher Shortage
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Current NYSED Initiatives
- Supporting Academic Achievement for ALL

**ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IS MAY 21, 2024.** Best of Luck to all incumbents running for a seat on the School Board. Good Luck to all districts on the passing of their budget and any propositions that will be voted on.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- May 11th - Legislative Wrap Up Breakfast @ The Columns - Transit Road, Elma - Registration at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will conclude by 10:30 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:**

- 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:**

- 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 happens if the news media reaches out to you asking for a quote?" Answer: School Boards should have a designated spokesperson, which is generally the Board President and/or the Superintendent. All questions should be referred back to the Board Spokesperson. In some cases Boards of Education appoint a Public Relations Person or their School Attorney to act as the spokesperson.*

**NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:**

*Applications are now open for nominating current and past School Board Members for the Everett R. Dyer Board Service Award.*

*Happy Mother's Day to all Moms, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Step Moms, Aunts, and any woman that has been important in the life of a child.*



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