



ECASB Summer Update- July 26, 2024

ECASB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON VACATION: Sue Summers will be on vacation from Thursday July 18th—Friday, July 26th. She will be back in the office on Monday, July 29th.

KEN-TON UFSD BOARD PRESIDENT MATT CHIMERA: Is the recipient of the July 17 week “It’s a Cool Summer at ECASB”. He will receive his prize interschool mail. His name is entered into the final drawing which will be given at the Back To School Dinner on August 22nd. There is nothing to do for “It’s a Cool Summer at ECASB”. All ECASB members names are entered into weekly drawing.

GRAND ISLAND DISTRICT CLERK JUDE KUEHNE: Is the recipient of the July 24TH week “It’s a Cool Summer at ECASB”. She will receive her prize interschool mail. Her name is entered into the final drawing which will be given at the Back To School Dinner on August 22nd. There is nothing to do for “It’s a Cool Summer at ECASB”. All ECASB members names are entered into weekly drawing.

THERE ARE TWO ENTRIES THUS FAR IN ECASB’S SUMMER CHALLENGE: There is still plenty of summer left to have your picture taken in your ECASB T-Shirt or ECASB baseball cap. We will even allow you to submit photos with you ECASB umbrella if you get caught in a rain storm. There is still plenty of summer left and many events such as a Board Retreat, the Eden Corn Festival, , the Erie County Fair, or on the many Garden Walks in Erie County.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BUFFALO SUPERINTENDENT DR. TONJA WILLIAMS: On being named to the 200 Power Women 2024. Also congratulations to Lake Shore CSD and Erie 2 CC BOCES Board Member Kathleen Chiavetta who was also recognized on the Business First 100 Power Women 2024 for her role in the family business - Chiavetta Catering.

WE SAY GOOD-BYE TO HAMBURG SUPERINTENDENT MIKE CORNELL: Mike has announced that he will be retiring from the Hamburg CSD in August. Mike Cornell served ECASB on the Executive Committee as the Superintendent Representative on the Legislative Committee.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK LAW CONFERENCE IS AUGUST 7TH: The annual event will take place at Salvatore’s on Transit Road. NYSSBA Senior Legal Counsel Jeffrey Mongelli, Esq. is the key note speaker. People wishing to attend the event should register with the Western New York Education Service Council. Please register through your District Clerk.

SPONSOR UPDATES: The following additional businesses have signed on as ECASB Sponsors. Please continue to support ECASB sponsors.

C & S Companies– Platinum Level

Buffalo Engineering and C.J. Brown - Silver Level Sponsor

Assured Partners/Premier Consulting Group - Platinum Level
PERMA - Platinum Level
Campus Construction - Gold Level
Trautman Associates - Silver Level Sponsor
Black Passport Group - Diamond Level Sponsor
Evans Government Services Banking - Gold Level Sponsor
Lumsden & McCormick - Silver Level Sponsor

ONLY GOLD AND SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR LEVELS REMAIN: The Diamond Level and Platinum Level Sponsor positions have been filled. Only Gold and Silver Level Sponsor levels remain. The Gold and Silver Level sponsor levels still provide great exposure to those businesses that work with local school districts, however the deadline for sponsors to commit is drawing to a close. If you know of any businesses that may want the opportunity to work with ECASB, please have them reach out to us.

NEW BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION IS SLOWLY COMING IN: All new ECASB members were provided with a questionnaire so that we can feature them in Board Connections. Please encourage your newest Board Members to return the information sheets. Once we have our ECASB 2024-2025 update list, we will begin sending out Board Connections so that you can learn about our newest members. Our Board Connections introducing new School Board members will begin in August.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ECASB AUGUST 22ND BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER: The dinner will feature a presentation from a team from Akron CSD on the Science of Reading. The Back to School Dinner is open to ECASB members (Superintendents, District Clerks, and Board Members), as well as District Level administrators that may be an integral part of the reading program in a school district. Register through your District Clerk.

ECASB HAS ASKED DISTRICT CLERKS TO COMPILE A LIST OF THEIR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS THAT HAVE AT LEAST 20 YEARS OF SERVICE: and are entering their 21st year of service. To date, there are 18 Board Members across the 30 districts that have 20 years or more of service.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Annual Conference will take place in Atlanta April 4th - 6th. Submit a proposal based on Board Governance, Oversight & Accountability; Innovations in District Operations and Facilities; Equity and Inclusion; Safe, Supportive & Healthy Schools; Staff Development & Student Achievement; Classrooms of the Future; School Law and Policy; or Family & Community Engagement. Deadline for the proposals is August 2, 2024.

ANNUAL DUES INVOICES HAVE BEEN SENT TO DISTRICTS: The Annual Dues invoices have been sent to the District Clerks attention in all ECASB Member Districts. Dues have remained the same for 10 years now. There is no increase in dues this year either. Thank you to those districts that have sent in their payment. We have received payment from about 1/2 of the districts thus far.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETINGS: Now that all the District Re-Organization events have been held, we will have lists created of all district Presidents, Vice Presidents and all of the Committee Members from each of the districts. We now have our newly created ECASB Update List complete with emails for all new Board Members. If you are aware of any ECASB member that is not receiving emails, please let us know so that we can make corrections/adjustments.

HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VIDEO: During the Round Table Discussion at the June ECASB Executive

Board Meeting, Holland CSD Board Member Mary Jo Szucs let the group know that students in the Holland CSD produced a student video. The 1/2 hour video entitled "The Covid Years" is on their district website. As I watched the video, it brought back memories as well as reminded me why we are still dealing with many social-emotional issues in students today.

CIDEL (COMMITTEE FOR IDENTIFYING AND DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP): Final year end meeting thoughts:

- Would like to host a 'Fall Meet and Greet' where speakers might talk about what school districts are looking for in applicants, what a typical interview looks like, pathways for women in leadership, and preparation for transition into a leadership role.
- This past years Call to Leadership had 160 registrants participate.
- 2025 Call to Leadership will be held at Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Road on March 8th.
- One of the top reasons people do not enroll in an Educational Leadership Program is cost and time involved. The second top answer was that people felt that Administration jobs are too political.
- Candidates would like more opportunity to meet with local leaders and network with local leaders so that they can ask questions.

ECASB MEMBERS THAT ATTENDED NYSSBA LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION EVENT: Thank you to the following ECASB that attended the NYSSBA Leadership in Education Event July 19th and 20th. This is the third time the event has been held and a record breaking number of attendees from ECASB. Thank you for taking the time out of your weekend to attend the event and travel to Albany.

<i>Darren Brown Hall</i>	- <i>Williamsville CSD Superintendent</i>
<i>Todd Bush</i>	- <i>Depew UFSD Board President</i>
<i>Edward Cavan</i>	- <i>Erie 1 BOCES Board Vice President</i>
<i>Heather Cayea</i>	- <i>Akron CSD Board Member</i>
<i>Sylvester Cleary</i>	- <i>Erie 2 CC BOCES Board Member/NYSSBA Director-Caucus of Black SBM</i>
<i>Linda Hoffman</i>	- <i>Erie 2 CC BOCES</i>
<i>Crystal Kaczmarek-Bogner</i>	- <i>Williamsville CSD Board President</i>
<i>Philip Kenline</i>	- <i>Akron CSD Board Vice President</i>
<i>Andrea Kersten</i>	- <i>Akron CSD Superintendent</i>
<i>Maureen Poulin</i>	- <i>Williamsville CSD Board Vice President</i>
<i>Beth Pyskaty</i>	- <i>Starpoint CSD</i>
<i>Dirk Rabenold</i>	- <i>Sweet Home CSD</i>
<i>Christine Schnars</i>	- <i>Erie 2 CC BOCES Board Member/Jamestown City SD Board Member/NYSSBA 1st Vice President/NYSSBA Area 3 Director</i>
<i>Karen Whitelaw</i>	- <i>Ken Ton UFSD Board Member</i>
<i>Renee Wilson</i>	- <i>Cheektowaga CSD Board President/ Erie 1 BOCES Board Member</i>

ECASB NAVY BLUE T-SHIRTS: ECASB has the following sizes containing ECASB Member District School logos. Please let us know by Friday August 2nd if you would like one sent to you. Small - Medium - XX Large - XXX Large. We will be printing new T-Shirts with updated logos in the fall of the year. We also have baseball caps with the ECASB logo in orange and blue. We can send them to you interschool mail if you would like one.

FOUNDATION AID FORUMLA: The Rockefeller Institute is collecting feedback on the Foundation Aid Formula. I took part in the hearing that was held on July 25th in Buffalo. One hearing was already held in Manhattan. Additional hearings around the state will be held:

- Tuesday, July 30th in Farmingdale on Long Island

- Thursday, August 8th in Laurens in Central New York
- Wednesday, August 14th in Guilderland in the Capital Region

Written comments can also be submitted on line through September 6th. The Institute plans to release their recommendation on December 6th. For more information please refer to their webpage at <https://rockinst.org/foundation-aid-study>.

ECASB YEARLY CALENDARS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CARDS: Will be coming back from the printer soon. Once they are returned, they will be distributed to District Clerks for distribution to ECASB members. Additionally the ECASB Directory will be available in September with contact information for all Board of Education members, Superintendents, District Clerks, Central Office Administrators, and Building Level Administrators. The Directory will be released electronically. We also produce several printed copies. If you would like a printed copy, please reach out to Sue Summers in our office.

A LEGISLATIVE SUB COMMITTEE MET ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD AT THE ECASB OFFICE TO REVIEW ECASB'S STAND ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES. A full discussion of the Legislative Committee will take place at the September meeting in preparation for the Legislative Breakfast in November. Thank you to Karen Whitelaw (Ken Ton UFSD), Kathleen Chiavetta (Lake Shore/Erie 2 CC BOCES) and Erik Polkowski (Akron CSD) for attending the meeting. The meeting was chaired by ECASB Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan (Iroquois CSD).