



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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ECASB ANNUAL DINNER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS THURSDAY, MAY 23RD. PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR DISTRICT CLERK. 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.

SAD NEWS: Erie 2 CC BOCES Board Member and NYSSBA First Vice President Chris Schnars husband Jim passed away May 12th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Schnars family. Condolences can be sent to Chris Schars, 20 Fairfield Avenue, Jamestown, New York 14701.

SAD NEWS: Erie 2 CC BOCES Board Member Anita Ray's father passed away May 12th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anita and her family. Condolences can be sent to Anita Ray, 274 Berry Road, Apt. E, Fredonia, New York 14063.

BOARD MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING RECOGNITION FROM NYSSBA AT THEIR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: Congratulations to Board Members receiving the recognition on their participation levels. If any Board Member has a question about the recognition, they can reach out to Patrick Longo at NYSSBA at Patrick.longo@nyssba.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DARREN BROWN-HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WILLIAMSVILLE CSD: Who has been selected to receive the Buffalo State Distinguished Alumnus Award and will address the graduating class of 2024 at the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18th.

THE ANNUAL ERIE NIAGARA SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION DINNER WILL BE TAKING PLACE THIS COMING THURSDAY NIGHT AT SALVATORES: The top three students from all public, private and charter high schools from Erie and Niagara County will be honored. Also invited to the dinner from each high school will be the High School principal, the Superintendent of each school, and the Board President.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: Here is the contact information for U.S. Representative Timothy Kennedy:

In Washington DC:

2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515
Phone 202-225-3306

In Buffalo:

726 Exchange St.; Suite 601
Buffalo NY 14210
Phone: 716-852-3501

In Niagara Falls:

800 Main St.; Suite 3C
Niagara Falls NY
Phone:716-282-1274

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 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 is the take away from the After Session Legislative Breakfast?" Answer: All School Board Members and their communities need to be active advocates in the coming year and in addition to advocating with Assembly-members and Senators, they will need to advocate with the Governor's office as well. Advocacy should be discussed at each and every Board of Education meeting and their should be place on the agenda for the Board Members to educate their communities. We are in for another tough year. The Governor is not done yet!*

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

- Consider signing up for the Leadership in Education to be held in Albany at the Crowne Plaza Albany on July 19th and 20th. Why? Because EVERY district will be put to the test in the coming year. Will your school district be prepared?
- The NYSSBA Board of Directors will be holding a Directors Meeting on June 1st and 2nd. If you have any items that you would like me to bring to the meeting, please send me an email or call me.

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