



ECASB Summer Update– August 2 2024

LANCASTER CSD: Board Member Kevin Davenport is the recipient of the July 31st 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 the weekly drawing.

THERE ARE NOW A FEW 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 your 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 Erie County Fair, or on the many Garden Walks in Erie County.

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. The deadline was **July 30, 2024**. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. / General Announcements at 8:55 a.m. / Program begins at 9:00 a.m. There are currently 211 attendees registered from WNY to attend the event.

SPONSOR UPDATES: Please continue to support ECASB sponsors. We are in the final days of our ECASB Sponsor Drive. 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. I have started compiling the information on Board Members that have already submitted information.

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 decided to focus on the Science of Reading because that is one of the goals of the

Governor. A report on reading levels was recently released. Akron CSD was the highest scoring district in WNY, so we chose to have the Akron CSD discuss their journey in the Science of Reading.

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.

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 FORMULA: 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 held in Manhattan. Additional hearings around the state will be held:

- 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 Rockefeller 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.

ECASB MEMBER DIRECTORY: Is usually distributed in September. The Directory has all contact information on all ECASB members. This year we want to include not only the date that Board Members term expires, but we want to include the year that they were first elected. If you can send us an email and let us know what year you were elected, we will start including that information. Please let us know by August 16th to have that information included in this years Member Directory. This will be a work in progress gathering this data.

NYSSBA CONVENTION - LOCAL PRESENTERS: Mark you calendar. The following individuals from ECASB will be presenting at the NYSSBA Convention in New York City.

Monday, October 21st - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Buffalo City School District

Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellness

Presenters: Sharon Brown, Mai Nguyen, Aundrea Sanders and Rachel Dominguez

Monday, October 21st - 4:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Grand Island CSD & Zero Eyes

Proactive: AI Weapon Detection Leveraging School Cameras

Presenters: Grand Island Superintendent Dr. Brian Graham and Brett Handell from Zero Eyes

Monday, October 21st - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD

Restorative Practices

Presenters: Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD Superintendent Andrea Galenski, and Janelle L. Finn

NYSSBA DISTRICT CLERK WORKSHOP 2024: The Juggling Act

September 19 - Latham (In Person)

September 26 - Long Island (In Person)

October 1 and 2 - (Live Virtual)

\$260 In Person Member Cost; \$140 Live Virtual Member Cost

REGISTRATION FOR THE NYSSBA CONVENTION AND EXPO: Opened on June 30th. The program will be held in New York City this year at the Hilton Mid-Town Manhattan. In addition to the Convention, there are two day long workshops that are presented that are an addition cost. The two programs include the Law Conference Update and the Board Officers Academy.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ADVOCACY AND EQUITY SYMPOSIUM WILL TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 2ND - FEBRUARY 4, 2025. This is the time when School Board Members from around the nation travel to Washington D.C. to meet with their Legislators to fight for Federal Funds for education. Registration for this event just opened this week.