



## This Week At ECASB ...

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

### Week Ending January 29, 2021

**REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED FOR :** DigiStream on Monday, February 1st - a link was sent out to those Board Members that registered.

**ECASB ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN:** All applications are due to David Lowrey by Wednesday, March 3, 2021. (Only about a month left to nominate individuals from your district that have helped to make an incredible difference during this Covid Pandemic).

**RICK TIMBS PROGRAM FEBRUARY 4TH:** Dr. Timbs presentation will take place on February 4th and will be a virtual program. Registration is Now CLOSED.

**ECASB ADVOCACY TRAINING DEADLINE IS CLOSED:** The annual ECASB Advocacy takes place on Saturday, January 30th from 8:00 am - 11:30 am. The training will be conducted virtually. The event will be presented by Dr. Jill O'Malley, Associate Director of ECASB. *The sponsors of the event include Gold Level Sponsors NYSIR and C & S Companies; and Silver Level Sponsors Greco Trapp PLLC and Gordon Jones Associates Architects.*

**WE REMEMBER DONALD OGILVIE DURING HIS RECENT PASSING:** Donald Ogilvie attended and graduated from the Ken-Ton UFSD. He began his education career a 4th grade elementary teaching at Country Parkway Elementary School in the Williamsville CSD. After three years, he served as an administrator in the Williamsville CSD. He served as Principal of Herbert Hoover Elementary and as the Assistant Principal at Kenmore East High School. In 1981, he became the Superintendent at Chadwick CSD outside of Utica, before moving back to this area where he served from 1984-1989 at Southwestern CSD at Superintendent. From 1989 - 1997, he was the Superintendent of the Hamburg CSD before moving to Erie 1 BOCES in 1997 where he served until his retirement in July of 2014. He was then recruited by the Buffalo Board of Education and served as the Superintendent.

**SED PLANS TO ASK U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION TO WAIVE STATE TESTING REQUIREMENTS:** In light of the pandemic and the unreliability of internet connections, it is anticipated that the Board of Regents will take action on a waiver request at their February 8th-9th meeting. The waiver at this point would not affect Regents Exams at this point in time other than the Math and English Regents exams which are part of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. This would also include the request to skip the grade 3-8 tests.

**SPORTS:** NYSPHSAA has announced that high risk sports will have the ability to practice and play games beginning on February 1st provided they receive local health department approval. There are still many guidelines that need to be adhered to including the number of spectators that will be able to view sports, guidelines on practices, travel outside the region and several other guidelines.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** The Ad hoc By-Laws Committee met to review the current by-laws. Thank you to committee members Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst CSD), Renee Wilson (Cheektowaga CSD and Erie 1 BOCES), Andy Loeb (Erie 1 BOCES), Linda Hoffman (Erie 2 BOCES), and James McDermott (Maryvale UFSD). Most of the work involved cleaning up the language. One change that the Committee is proposing is reducing the number of days that would be needed to review proposed amendments and the number of days that are necessary to send proposed changes to the Delegate Assembly. The original documented specified 60 and 45 days, however, this was probably in the day when "snail mail" and "interschool mail" was the preferred method of communication. Now that we have the access to emails, the committee felt that the number of days should be reduced. The proposed by-law changes will be reviewed by the Executive Committee before moving along to the Delegate Assembly.

**CIDEL (CALL TO LEADERSHIP)** Free On Line Conference ....who should attend: School Administrators,, Building Leaders and Classroom Leaders considering Education Administration. March 6, 2021 from 8:30 AM—11:45 AM. Additional speakers that were not mentioned in last week’s notice include Sweet Home Central School Superintendent Anthony Day and Sweet Home Central School Principal for Curriculum and Instruction Scott Wolf. The themes of the day include:

Systematic Equity and Inclusion  
Social Justice  
Cultural Responsivity  
Inclusion of Stakeholders  
Personal and Professional Balance  
Defining Your Purpose / Vision with Courage

**ST. BONAVENTURE OFFERS FOUR FREE ZOOM PRESENTATIONS AT PART OF SPRING FORUM 2021.** All presentations are open to the public and available on Zoom Video Conferencing platform. Go to sbu.edu - then go under academics tab - then Schools at SBU - then School of Education - finally click on Spring Forum 2021 link or try this: <https://www.sbu.edu/academics/schools-at-sbu/school-of-education/spring-forum-2021>

*Feb. 3rd 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm : Navigating a New Normal: Everyday Mental Health During a Pandemic.*

*Feb. 23rd 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm: How to Respond When a Friend Reveals a Mental Health Condition.*

*March 23rd 11:30 am - 1:00 pm: From Faculty to Leadership - A black Woman’s Experience in Higher Education.*

*April 27th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Teaching in Turbulent Times: Creating a Positive School Climate to Promote Healing and Learning.*

**WE WISH ERIE 2 CC BOCES ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION DANIELLE O’CONNOR WELL AS SHE PREPARES FOR RETIREMENT.** Danielle will retire March 30th to spend more time with her husband Patrick who recently retired, spend more time with her new recent grandchild and begin the process of building a home in Florida for the winter months. We wish Danielle well and thank you for her contributions and attending so many ECASB events.

**ECASB ON TARGET VIRTUAL PROGRAM:** On Wednesday night, ECASB held the first ON-TARGET Virtual Program from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm presented by SuperEval on Board Evaluations. Presenters were Dr. Michael Horning and Dr. Jill O’Malley. The theme of the program was “Modeling the Way in Leadership with School Board Evaluations”. I thank the following Board Members for attending the first ON-TARGET PROGRAM: Ed Schaefer (Cheektowaga CSD); Claire Ferrucci, Denise McCowan, Stephanie Dombrowski, Zachary Smith, and Wesley Schlossin (Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD); Edward Cavan (Erie 1 BOCES); Jane Sullivan, Michele Hovey and Chuck Specht (Iroquois CSD); Superintendent Sabatino Cimato, Matt Chimera, Jen Morrow and Lesley Battaglia (Ken Ton UFSD); Amy Battaglia and Kailey McDonald (Sweet Home CSD). [ My apologies to anyone that I may have left off the list above. If you attended and do not see your name above, please let Sue Summers in our office know that I can record your attendance in the ECASB participation book].

**LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR IS ATTACHED:** I have attached the 2021 New York State Assembly/Senate Legislative Calendar to help you better monitor when your legislators will be in session in the event you are setting up any meetings either locally in their office or via Zoom.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERKS:** Just a reminder that the law firm of Webster Szanyi, and sponsor of the ECASB District Clerk Award will be hosting a spring virtual workshop on Budget Votes. If you have any specific questions, please submit questions by the end of the day (Friday - January 30, 2021).

**UPCOMING DATES:**

January 30, 2021 - Advocacy Training, 8:00 am - 11:30 am - VIRTUAL PROGRAM

February 1, 2021 - VIRTUAL PROGRAM - Digi Stream (**Deadline to register has passed**)

February 3, 2021 - VIRTUAL CAPITAL CONFERENCE FOR NYSSBA

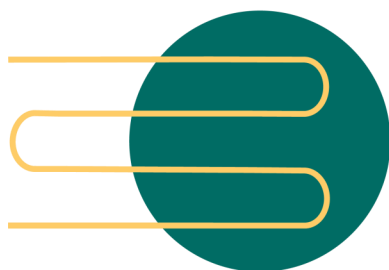
- COLSBA Meeting

February 4, 2021 - Rick Timbs VIRTUAL PROGRAM 6:30 - 8:30 pm (**Deadline to register has passed. )**

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# New York State Legislative Session Calendar

## January — June 2021



The New York State legislative session calendar establishes a schedule for the 2021 legislative session and provides dates important to the legislative process. The session calendar is intended to afford Members flexibility in conducting legislative business in Albany and planning activities within their home districts. The session calendar will foster orderly and timely consideration of legislation. Unforeseen events may require modification of the session calendar.

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**January 6** 2021 Legislative Session convenes  
**January 18** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
**January 19** Final Day for Submission of Executive Budget

**February 15** Presidents' Day  
**April 1** Beginning of new Fiscal Year  
**May 31** Memorial Day

 Indicates session day