

This Week At ECASB

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

Week Ending OCTOBER 30, 2020 - Halloween Edition



2020 VOTER GUIDE: HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO VOTE? VOTE BY MAIL - Ballot must be postmarked by November 3rd if you have one in your possession . **VOTE EARLY** - Vote between October 24th - and November 1st. **VOTE ON ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 3RD.**

NYSSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Business Meeting will take tomorrow Saturday, October 31st from 8:30 am—10:30 am virtually. Please set your alarm clocks if you are registered so that there is a quorum to conduct business.

NOVEMBER 12TH - ALBANY UPDATE: Just a reminder that the Thursday, November 12th Albany Update with David Little will be an in person Dessert Forum. Please bring either your Free Dessert Forum Certificate OR 2-3 Canned Goods to be donated to a Food Bank. **THERE ARE NO SEATS AVAILABLE.**

IMMUNIZATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR REMOTE LEARNERS TO NOVEMBER 11TH: The Department of Health stated they “will not enforce the provisions of Public Health Law section 2164(7) for a period of 30 days commencing from the date of this letter (which was sent on October 12th), for students attending school exclusively through remote learning.” Questions can be sent to immunize@health.ny.gov

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST INFORMATION: The Legislative Breakfast will be on November 14th from 8:00 am - 11:30 am. Dave’s Kitchen located at Erie 1 BOCES will be catering the event. The menu will be scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, bagels & assorted pastries, fruit cup, and coffee. The cost will be \$10.00. Due to Social Distancing and following guidelines, registration will be limited to 50 participants (this includes elected officials). Registration will take place via a link on our website. At least one seat will be reserved for each district. The District Legislative Rep or Legislative Alternate will be given priority. If neither the Representative or the Alternate are able to attend, the President or Vice President would be invited to attend. Additional seats will be assigned on a first registered/first served basis. All individuals planning on attending should register by November 6th. **If you can register sooner, it will allow us to contact any participants that may be on a wait list to let them know their status. If YOU KNOW NO ONE FROM YOUR DISTRICT IS REGISTERING, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THAT WOULD HELP US IMMENSELY.** Questions, please contact Dr. Jill O’Malley at jomalley@e1b.org.

SED RELEASED A DIGITAL EQUITY SURVEY ON OCTOBER 21, 2020. The survey should be completed before December. All Public K-12 schools, Charter Schools and BOCES should complete the survey to provide information on student and teacher access to devices and the internet in places of residence. Please check out the State Education website at www.nysed.gov. The deadline to complete the survey is December 1st at 5:00 pm.

ACROSS THE STATE: 3,903 or 62.5% of schools are using a Hybrid Learning Model. 1,262 or 20.2% are using an In-Person Learning Model and 1,077 or 17.3 % are working with a Remote Learning Model.

SED Will be hosting various Digital Equity Webinars: “Starting Your Own Digital Inclusion Coalition” (Oct. 29th); “Capitalizing on OER for Equity in PK-12: Finding and Using Open Teaching and Learning Resources” (Nov. 12th); “CanCode: Virtual Digital Literacy for All” (Nov. 19th); “Broader than Broadband: Brooklyn Public Library’s Digital Equity Strategy” (Dec. 3rd); “Addressing the K-12 Digital Divide in the Age of Distance Learning” (Dec. 10th).

NYSSBA KEY NOTE ADDRESS - THREE DOCTORS: Was an entertaining, and inspirational message by Dr. Sampson Davis, Dr. Rameck Hunt, and Dr. George Jenkins. You can check out their website at www.threedoctors.com. ECASB has purchased the three books written by the doctors. Be the first to read and review the books. The three books are: “The Pact”, “The Bond” and “We Beat the Streets”.

THE WINNER OF THE BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA CONTEST; for a \$15 Gift Card to Tim Hortons was Eden District Clerk Barb Thomasulo. The question was to identify the number of board members that most boards have in New York State. The correct answer was seven board members.

SWEET HOME PRESIDENT SCOTT JOHNSON WAS THE WINNER IN THE FIRST ECASB GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST: His winning guess came after only 2 clues. Great Job Scott. Scott receives a gift card for \$100 donated by Image Model Management. The Sweet Home CSD Board has participated in the past with “adopting a family” around the holidays. Scott will be donating the prize to the community service project.

ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION, SPONSORS OF THE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION DINNER (SARD): Planning committee met this past week. One of the changes that will be new this year is that the Crystal Bisons will be provided by Trabucco Studio which is located right here in Clarence, New York. They are represented in the following Collections: President Bush, President Clinton, President Reagan, Billy Graham, Jim Kelly, Lionel Richey, Rich Products, General Motors, and Proctor and Gamble to name a few. Check out the website at www.buffalocrystal.com

UPCOMING DATES:

October 31, 2020 - NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting

November 5, 2020 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

November 12, 2020 - Albany Update, David Little 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Session is Closed Out - No additional enrollments allowed).

November 14, 2020 - A New Kind of Legislative Breakfast - 8:00 am - 11:30 am (Limited Enrollment Allowed)

December 3, 2020 - Speed Boarding at Erie 1 BOCES 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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