



## **This Week At ECASB ....**

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

### **Week Ending OCTOBER 9, 2020 -**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REP FOR BUFFALO PUBLIC CITY SCHOOLS :** is Mr. Terrance Heard. Terrance was elected to the Buffalo Public School Board last year. Terrance also serves on the Budget and Finance Committee. On the Buffalo Public School Board, Mr. Heard serves on the Educational Support Committee and is Chair of the Athletics Ad-Hoc Committee. We welcome Mr. Heard to the Executive Board.

**OCTOBER IS NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!** At this point most board members should have received lawn signs with the message "We honor the School Board Member who resides here" The ECASB logo is included along with our web address. Please save your signs for next year!

**ECASB WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY.**

**WINNER OF THE ECASB BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA IS WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SHAWN LEMAY.** The trivia contest was to identify one ANOTHER school districts current education model under COVID-19. Shawn correctly identified Orchard Parks learning model.

**SECTION VI NAMES MARK DIFILIPPO AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Section VI named Mark DiFlippo as the new Executive Director for Section VI. He will start on November 12th. Mark DiFlippo is currently the Executive Director for the Erie County Interscholastic Conference and the Section VI Boys Ice Hockey Chairman for the last 17 years. Mark also has experience serving as Athletic Director at Williamsville East, Canisius High School and at Niagara Wheatfield High School.

### **NYSSBA AND ASBO (ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS RELEASES RE-SEARCH REPORT:**

- Multi-year state aid reductions would leave nearly a four in 10 school districts either financially insolvent or unable to provide a basic education to the students.
  - 60% of districts would expect staffing reductions if the state cuts funds to public education.
  - If districts need to reach into reserves and fund balances, extra curricular activities and sports will be affected.
  - An average of of \$500,000 has been spend on Covid 19 related expenses due to reopening schools.
- \*The study was conducted between August 18th and September 8, 2020, with 27% of school businesses officials responding.

**BAD EDUCATION:** ECASB has two DVD's available for the HBO Film starring Hugh Jackman and Allison Janey who portray Roslyn High School Superintendent Frank Tassone and District Business Official Pam Gluckin. They stole over 11 million dollars, thus changing legislation and forcing all school board members to attend 6 hours of Governance Training and 6 hours of Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training. The movie can be found on HBO On Demand as well. If you would like to reserve one of the ECASB' Video, please contact our office.

**NYSSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:** Last day for a school district to register a delegate for the Business Meeting is October 21. School Districts should review the resolutions so that the designated voting delegate will know the direction the board wants to take on the

resolution, and the delegate can vote accordingly. Business Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 8:30 am—10:30 am virtually. There is no registration fee to attend the business meeting. Contact Director of Governmental Relations Brian Fessler at [brian.fessler@nyssba.org](mailto:brian.fessler@nyssba.org) for more information.

**ECASB IS LINING UP PROGRAMS FOR THE SPEEDBOARDING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 3RD.** Watch for details. If there are specific topics that you or your board would like to see covered in the future, please let us know. This is YOUR ORGANIZATION. We want to bring you programs that will fulfill your need.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** There will be a Communications Committee meeting on Thursday, October 22, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. (This coming week). The Ad Hoc Committee's purpose will be to review the Communications of ECASB including all print, facebook, twitter, and ECASB web page and provide feedback and guidance. Interested board members should contact me at [dlowrey@e1b.org](mailto:dlowrey@e1b.org).

**COVID CLUSTERS:** The Governor has provided an update on his fighting and controlling COVID 19. When there is a "Cluster or Outbreak of COVID-19" in an area, an area will be designated as 'Red, Orange, or Yellow' Zone. Red zone would be the most severe with no mass gatherings and only essential businesses open. Only take out dining allowed and school buildings would be closed. Orange zone allows a maximum of 10 people, non essential business closed, and outdoor dining allowed with a maximum of 4 people per table. Yellow zone would be limited to 25 people, indoor and outdoor dining allowed, however only 4 people per table. Fines will be increased to \$15,000. More guidance is expected from the state.

**WORDS FROM ECASB PRESIDENT RENEE WILSON:** "The annual Awards/Take Our Dinner was an incredible evening! From start to finish - it was perfect. Great Food, Great Company, Good Conversation and laughs. Everything we needed during this COVID Pandemic! My sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone that was involved in helping this night come together. It truly amazes me how our organization can put these amazing functions together! Our director always shows such dignity and respect for all of the members of ECASB. He and his staff work for the good of the organization and it's members. If I did not tell you before - People LOVE the lawn sign that pays tribute to School Board Members throughout Western New York."

Sincerely,

Renee Wilson, President

**UPCOMING DATES:**

October 15, 2020 - Legislative Team Meeting - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 19 - 23, 2020 - NYS School Board Recognition Week

October 21– 2000 - NYSSBA Virtual Convention

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 (Limited Enrollment Allowed).

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