



This Week At ECASB

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

Week Ending September 11, 2020 -

SPONSOR NEWS: Sponsors for the Governance Training to be held on Saturday are Sponsors from last year who were unable to sponsor the event due to the cancellation include: C & S Companies, Harris Beach, Corporate Screening Investigations, Trautman Associates, Super Eval, Gordon W. Jones Architects, Campus Construction and Auctions International.

MASCOT TRIVIA CONTEST: The winner will receive a BARNES and NOBLE Gift Card. The winners name will be drawn during our Governance Training and announced next week.

FROM NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR, LINDA HOFFMAN: Three items:

1. Linda and the rest of the NYSSBA Board of Directors will meeting with Interim Commissioner Betty Rosa this Saturday morning 9/12/2020. The Interim Commissioner is very interested in hearing about "internet and connectivity issues" that school districts have around the state. If you experience issues in your district, please contact Linda Hoffman so that she can share that information. Again, the meeting is on Saturday morning, so please email SOON.

2. NYSSBA is looking for a volunteer from an Erie County School District to serve on the Awards Committee for NYSSBA. Contact Linda if you are interested.

3. NYSSBA is looking for a volunteer to from an Erie County School District to serve on the Resolutions committee (usually 2 meetings during the year). If you are interested, please contact Linda

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DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING WAS HELD LAST EVENING: There were 18 representatives in attendance. We were able to safely social distance. Minutes of the meeting will be sent out in the next few days. It was great to listen to the Round Robin at the end of the meeting and here what is happening in districts around Western New York. Most of the districts that reported out are working with a hybrid model of instruction with a remote only component for a smaller percentage of the students. Those few that are still fully remote have a phase in plan to move to a hybrid model at the right time at some point in the future. Elizabeth Koch from Tonawanda CSD summed it up best "Kids in our district cheered as their bus pulled into the school parking lot to let them off for school. Everyone is happy to be back".

WINNER OF THE ECASB BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA IS TRACY ROGERS, DISTRICT CLERK FROM THE ALDEN CSD. TRACY WILL RECEIEVE A \$15 GIFT CARD TO TIM HORTONS. The trivia contest was to name the date of the ECASB Legislative Breakfast. The date is November 14, 2020 which is a change from previous years when it was always held in the month of February.

WRITING YOUR LEGISLATORS: Last week I encouraged Board Members to write their legislators regarding the release of Federal Funds to help mitigate losses. One of the board members wrote to her Federal Legislators this past week. She contacted me on Tuesday morning to let me know that she had sent an email to her elected officials and requested a response back from them. Please keep in mind that the emails do not need to be lengthy. They need to be direct and also provide details specific to your district. Elected officials frown on FORM LETTERS. I share her message that she sent to her elected officials below (with her permission). I did take the liberty to remove any information related to the specific district: Please watch for any advocacy alerts from ECASB.

As you know Governor Cuomo is threatening to cut all school funding by 20% if he does not receive Federal Funding. He also took \$500,000 out of our current funding as a Pandemic Adjustment and assured us we would get that back. We all know NYS has been in a deficit and on a spending spree. 1. Do you think NYS will get Federal Funding to help with Education and 2. How do we make sure it goes to the schools and he does not keep it? Please advise what School Boards can be doing to advocate for this funding? and anything else you feel we can do to help. Thank you I am on the XYZ Central School Board and would appreciate your response. Thank you.

3 FALL SPORTS MOVED TO SPRING SEASON: Football, Volleyball, and Competitive Cheerleading have been moved to the Spring Sports Season and all three are tentatively scheduled to begin March 1, 2020.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS DIRECTORY HAS BEEN SENT OUT ELECTRONICALLY. Special thanks to **SUE SUMMERS**, Executive Secretary / Information Specialist at ECASB, for all of her work in putting the Directory together. Two years ago, the directive was to get the Directory out sooner and closer to the start of the school year. I also thank **ALL OF THE ECASB DISTRICT CLERKS AND SUPERINTENDENTS' SECRETARIES** for getting information back to us in a timely manner so that we could hit our deadline. I am happy to announce, that this is the earliest the ECASB Directory has been sent out. We are currently printing a limited number of copies, however every Superintendent, Board Member and District Clerk should have received their electronic version on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. A few highlights I would like to point out that we have made that will be more useful to you, include:

- * Meeting Dates of All Team Meetings appear on page 11.
- * All Team Member Lists are on page 12.
- * On BOCES Board of Education pages, we have listed the District where the Board Members reside.
- * On pages 77-79, we have listed the names of the school districts that are in the New York State Assembly and New York State Senators districts under their local and Albany office contact information.
- * Directory is produced/printed in color to highlight the advertisements from our **GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS**: C & S COMPANIES, and NEW YORK SCHOOLS INSURANCE RECIPROCAL; **SILVER LEVEL SPONSORS**: CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT GROUP, GORDON W. JONES ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS P.C., GRECO TRAPP PLLC, JOHN W. DANFORTH, SUPER EVAL, and TRAUTMAN ASSOCIATES, and **DIRECTORY SPONSORS**: EFPR GROUP CPA'S PLLC, FREED MAXICK CPA'S PC, and NEW YORK BUS SALES LLC

UPCOMING DATES:

- September 12, 2020 - New Board Member Mandated Training - Governance Training
- September 17, 2020 - ECASB Meet and Mingle - **HAS BEEN CANCELED.**
- September 19, 2020 - New Board Member Mandated Training - Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training
- September 24, 2020 - Legislative Team 6:30 - 8:30 pm; B1
- October 1, 2020 - ECASB School District Clerk Fall Program - **POSTPONED**
- October 1, 2020 - ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER for 2019—2020 - **RECONFIGURED WATCH FOR DETAILS.**
- October 19 - 23, 2020 - NYS School Board Recognition Week

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