

This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending November 20, 2020: - Thanksgiving Edition



ECASB OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: We will reopen on Monday, November 30th

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT TEAM MEETS: On November 23, 2020. The team consists of Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst CSD), Brian Laible (Sweet Home CSD) and Mark Mecca (Williamsville CSD) will be meeting virtually with EFPR. A report will follow.

AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ray Carr (Erie 1 BOCES), Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst CSD), Andy Loeb (Erie 1 BOCES), Dawn Snyder (Clarence CSD) and Jane Sullivan (Iroquois CSD) met this past Monday. A few members were in-person with a few members attending virtually. The committee reviewed the guidelines and history behind the Diana R. Miller Service to Education Award, the Laura Burns Advocacy for Children Award, The Hodgson Russ Excellence in Collaboration Award, the Wayne Schlifke Lifetime Achievement Award, the ECASB District Clerk Award sponsored by Webster Szanyi LLP, the Friends of ECASB Award, and possibly two new awards to include the Lori Sabo Advocacy Award and the New Member of the Year Award. All details of the awards will be released in January. The team also discussed the “participation level” awards which include the Rising Star, the Shining Star, the Medallion, and the Medallion Plus Awards. The participation awards will be updated. The team will be meeting again to further discussion about the awards and the process.

NYSSBA LETTER REGARDING TRANSPORTATION AID: NYSSBA has crafted a letter that is located in their Advocacy Link that will be sent directly to Legislators once you complete the information in the form such as your name, address and phone number. You then hit submit - you will then have a chance to personalize the letter before it is sent directly to the governor and your elected officials. NYSSBA is asking all school board members to please take action. You can edit and personalize the letter as you see fit. Click on this link - it should take you right to the form. If for some reason you cannot get to the link, I have also attached a copy of the letter in email along with This Week At ECASB. [Take Action - Transportation Aid Letter](#)

DECEMBER 3RD SPEED BOARDING EVENT IS SHAPING UP: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be monitoring the COVID numbers and will adjust the program accordingly. If you are planning on attending, please let your District Clerk know whether you will attend under any of the scenarios below so that we can provide you with up to date information. The program will **MOST LIKELY BE A VIRTUAL ONLY MODEL**, however we will not know that until Monday of next week.

- I would like to attend in person if the event if the event is hybrid. (This would be limited to only 10 individuals if we are in an orange zone.
- I would like to attend virtually.
- I am not attending the program at all.

Although we have waived the registration fees, we would like to have an idea of how many

people are planning on attending so that we can let our presenters know.

NEW YORK STORE - ECASB EXTRA: The New York Store in Lancaster was featured in the ECASB Extra a few weeks ago. The reconstruction of the road in front of the store is complete, so it is much easier to get into the store. The store has their holiday windows complete with their "Santa Display". The Lancaster Village in the past has had many windows in the village feature the AM&A's Holiday Display that used to be on Main Street in Downtown Buffalo. (For the young school board members - you probably have no idea what I am talking about when I mention the "the AM&A's Holiday Display"). Anyway, I am not sure if the village of Lancaster will be featuring the display in store front windows again this year or not.

NEW ADDITION TO ECASB LIBRARY: The Educator's Guide to Preventing and Solving Discipline Problems by Mark and Christine Boynton is now in our library, the book falls under the "Teaching" classification".

* I HAVE INCLUDED THE ECASB MEMBERS NAMES WHO ATTENDED THE DAVE LITTLE ALBANY UPDATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST BELOW. IF YOU ATTENDED ONE OF THE EVENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR NAME IS LISTED BELOW. BECAUSE WE ARE WORKING WITH ZOOM AND NOT WORKING THROUGH OUR "TRADITIONAL REGISTRATION PROCESS VIA THE DISTRICT CLERKS, WE HAVE TO RECORD ATTENDANCE BASED ON WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN ZOOM AND NOT OFF A LIST. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR RECORDS ARE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. I apologize in advance if I left your name off the list. Please kindly email either Sue Summers at ssummers@e1b.org or Dave Lowrey at dlowrey@e1b.org so that we can correct our records.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE ATTENDING THE ALBANY UPDATE WITH DAVE LITTLE ON NOVEMBER 12TH. We had the following individuals attending: Akron CSD - James Grant and Erik Polkowski; Alden CSD - Jill Hopcia; Cheektowaga CSD - Renee Wilson; Cheektowaga - Sloan UFSD - Denise McCowan and Zach Smith; Clarence CSD - Tricia Andrews and Dawn Snyder; Erie 1 BOCES - Ray Carr, Ed Cavan, Andy Loeb, and John Sherman; Erie 2 CC BOCES and NYSSBA Area 1 Director - Linda Hoffman; Frontier CSD - Patrick Boyle; Gowanda CSD - Janet Vogtli; Hamburg CSD - Tom Flynn III and David Yoviene; Iroquois CSD - Michele Hovey; Ken-Ton UFSD - Matt Chimera and Jennifer Morrow; Lake Shore CSD - Kathleen Chiavetta and Carla Thompson; Maryvale UFSD - James McDermott; North Collins CSD - Shannon McGrath-Locking; Sweet Home CSD - Josh Feldmann, Scott Johnson, and Nadine Ocasio; Tonawanda CSD - Kristin Schmutzler and Jeff Thorp; West Seneca CSD - Jan Dalbo; and Williamsville CSD - Mark Mecca. *We also thank the following Superintendents that joined us for the event: Patrick McCabe (Akron CSD); Robert Anderson (Gowanda CSD); Doug Scofield (Iroquois CSD), Sabatino Cimato (Ken-Ton UFSD); and Scott Taylor (North Collins CSD). We also had Sponsors Sharon Sweeney from C & S Companies, and Dave Jager join us from J.W. Danforth for the event.*

ECASB HELD THE ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST: Without the breakfast due to the Covid Pandemic. In addition, the breakfast was traditionally held in February. ECASB chose to host the program earlier before our Legislators even head off to Albany because we have been told by numerous sources, we need to start advocacy much sooner in the year. Joining us in a Zoom Format included NYS Assemblyman (149th District) - Jon Rivera; NYS Assemblyman (140th District) - Bill Conrad and the Legislative Director for Sean Ryan's 60th Senate District Alexandra Grose. District Administrators that joined us included Grand Island CSD Business Administrator Dr. Rubie Harris, Ken-Ton UFSD Superintendent Sabatino Cimato, and sponsors Dean Stanfield from Solar Liberty and Dave Jager from J.W. Danforth. School Board members joining us included: Akron - Erik Polkowski; Amherst - Lorry Goldhawk; Buffalo Public School - Larry Scott; Cheektowaga - Renee Wilson; Cheektowaga-Sloan - Gary Sieczkarek and Denise McCowan; Clarence - Tricia Andrews, Dennis Priore, and Dawn Snyder; Cleveland Hill - Mike Montoro; Eden - Jennifer Horschel; Erie 1 BOCES - Ray Carr; Frontier - Davis Podkulski; Gowanda - Janet Vogtli; Grand Island - Ashli Dreher and Sue Marston; Hamburg - David Yoviene; Iroquois - Michelle Hovey and Chuck Specht; Ken - Ton - Lesley Battaglia and Tom Reigstad; Lake Shore - Michael Franey, Kathleen Chiavetta and Carla Thompson; Orchard Park - Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz; Sweet Home - Scott Johnson, Nadine Ocasio, Joshua Feldmann; Tonawanda - Elizabeth Koch, Kristin Schmutzler, and Jeff Thorp; West Seneca - Diane Beres; and Williamsville - Crystal Kaczmarek-Bogner

ORANGE ZONE:

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| - Houses of Worship | 33% capacity; 25 people maximum |
| - Mass Gatherings | 20 people maximum indoor/outdoor |
| - Business | Closing high-risk non-essential businesses such as gyms and personal care businesses. |
| - Dining | Outdoor dining or take out only, 4 person maximum per table. |
| - Schools | Closed, remote only; when they can re-open, they must test all students and staff. |

ON BEHALF OF THE ECASB OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ECASB STAFF, WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

UPCOMING DATES:

December 3, 2020 - ECASB Speed Boarding 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

January 4, 2021 - ECASB Awards Nominations Open

January 7, 2021 - Budget and Finance Team; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Room B-1

January 14, 2021 - Delegate Assembly Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; Room B1

January 21, 2021 - Legislative Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm; Room B1

January 28, 2021 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Room B1

* Note Executive Board Meetings begin at 6:00 pm, all other team meetings start at 6:30 pm.

January 30, 2021 - Advocacy Training, 8:00 am - 11:30 am, Room B1

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