



Weekly Bulletin

“ Individually we are one drop,
together we are an ocean.”

- Ryunosuke Satoro

Upcoming Events

- Wed., Sept. 25 – National Comic Book Day
- Thurs., Sept. 26 – National Good Neighbor Day
- Fri., Sept. 27 – Native American Day
- Sat., Sept. 28 – Ask a Stupid Question Day
- Thurs., Oct. 3 – Regular Board Meeting
- Thurs., Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day
- Sun., Oct. 13 – National Children’s Day
- Thurs., Oct. 17 – Regular Board Meeting
- October 28 - November 1 – School Board Recognition Week

Follow this [link to the BOCES Calendar of Events](#)

A Message from Mike

It can be very satisfying to feel like you are part of something bigger than yourself. Last week I took Emma to the Buffalo Bills game against the Carolina Panthers. This was her first in-person NFL game. She thought that Ralph Wilson Stadium was pretty cool and enjoyed the pregame ceremonies and pageantry. She was ready to go home at the end of the first quarter, fell asleep towards the end of the half, and then perked up for the second half after some food. If you saw the game last week you know that it was a good thing that we powered through and stayed. The Bills came from behind to win in the final seconds of the game. As you can imagine, the crowd went crazy. As Emma was high-fiving everyone around us, she kept saying, “This is awesome!” The entire ride home she would not stop talking about how it was so cool to be there with all those “crazy fans” and that it was great that we were there “to support the team.”



I felt this again later in the week as we welcomed members of the Fairport Board of Education to the Foreman Center to learn about our programs and take a tour. As I shared general information about our BOCES and the programs and services we offer, I couldn’t help thinking about what a big deal we are. During the tour Fairport students in EMCC told the board members about their chosen programs, and their pride and enthusiasm were unbelievable. I thought about this in the context of the number and breadth of our services, the vast geographic area from which we draw our students, our nearly 1,400 employees. I felt a tremendous sense of pride to be part of an organization that does so much great work for so many people. When I was a high school math teacher teaching Course II (geometry), one of the most important theorems is that “the whole is **equal** to the sum of its parts.” Based on what I continue to see across our organization, that the whole is **greater** than the sum of its parts. We are #1 for a reason.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

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Technology Tip of the Week

Keyboard Shortcut:

In the past you may have left clicked and dragged to highlight a document to copy it. A simple trick to select the entire document is to **click Ctrl + A**.



News and Notes

Superintendent's Conference Day - October 11th

This Conference day is for Instructional staff members only. There will be a spring Superintendent's Conference Day for all staff members.

BUP Unit Members

- October 11th is a conference day for all BUP unit members.
- BUP unit members who work in our Special Education Programs and ESOL staff members will follow an 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. schedule.
- BUP unit members who work in our CTE Programs will follow a 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. schedule.
- BUP unit members do not need to punch in/out because it is a conference day.

BPA Unit (includes paraeducators/teacher aides/some Deaf Ed employees as indicated below)

- Paraeducators/teacher aides who work in the following programs **should not report to work:** Creekside, Bird/Morgan, ALA/START, District-Based, Preschool, EMCC, and Multi-Occupational/FOCUS.
- BPA unit members who are not assigned to the programs listed above (for example notetakers, signing skills coaches, ASL assistants, and C-Print captionists) need to check with their supervisors to find out if it is a normal work day for them. (BPA unit members who need to work a normal work day should punch in/out as usual.)

PSP Unit Members (includes clerical and technical staff members)

- It is a normal work day for PSP unit members.

BUSS Unit Members (includes transportation, food service, and operations and maintenance)

- It is a normal work day for all 12 month employees.
- 10 month employees should check with their supervisors to find out if it is a normal work day for them.

Connecting with a Colleague

Each week, a staff member will be selected to complete a brief questionnaire to help us get to know him or her. This week we are connecting with **Jessica Lewis**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** As the Community Liaison for the Urban-Suburban Program I am responsible for assisting in the coordination of student placement which includes application review, selection, interviews, and orientations. I participate in individual and joint meetings regarding academics, attendance and discipline for input, advocacy and recommendations. I also provide feedback to school administration regarding parent/student concerns, issues and vice versa. I also serve as the staff liaison to the Urban-Suburban Alumni Association.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I was hired in May of 2012 and am going into my second year.



- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of my job is working with our students and developing relationships with them to help them on a path to success. I also enjoy reconnecting with alumni and former students as I am a proud alumnus of the program.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I enjoy traveling, volunteering in the community and with my church. I also enjoy shopping, or as I like to call it retail therapy☺.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I have an incredible zeal for life!

Programs & Services Update

The Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development has started the school year along with the **Teacher Center** with the Internal Professional Development Catalog full of some very exciting options. I would like to highlight a few of these upcoming professional development opportunities and encourage you to register on WinCap WEB.

In October and November, Dr. Marie Alcock is returning with a 4 day series on Assessment and Grading. She will help us to think about standards based assessment aligned to the curriculum. In addition, these sessions will explore grading policies that are transparent and reflect differentiation and upgrading to 21st Century assessment forms.

In October, we are also hosting 2 days of Singapore Math. The first day Monday, October 21st is focused on Foundations of Number Sense. In this hands-on session, key strategies will be shared on how to teach place value, computation, and mental math. The second day, Tuesday, October 22nd is Model Drawing. In this session, participants will learn how to translate a word problem into a diagram or model.

These sessions support our work to create new math curriculum maps aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards and they promise to add to your instructional repertoires with strategies you can implement in your classrooms.

- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Community Parent Resource Center: **(CPRS)**