



Weekly Bulletin



Success is the sum of details.”

- Harvey S. Firestone

Upcoming Events

- Mon, Aug. 11 – District Based Discussion Meeting, Bird Morgan Cafeteria, 2:30 PM
- Tues., Aug. 12 – [International Youth Day](#)
- Wed., Aug. 13 – International Left Handers’ Day
- Fri., Aug. 15 – Last Day of ESY
- Thurs., August 21 – Regular Board Meeting

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

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A Message from Mike

Greetings from Salem, Virginia. We are down here visiting Theresa’s parents for the week. Vacation is when I try to get caught up on reading non-work-related material and when I get to exercise whenever I want. On a recent run, I listened to a TED talk about Facebook. Since Facebook has 1.23 billion monthly active users, this topic is likely to be of interest to several of you.

In this fascinating 13 minute [TED talk](#) about the design of digital experiences, Margaret Gould Stewart describes the process for redesigning the Facebook “Like” button. While this might seem like a simple project, it was unbelievably complex. The like button is seen over 22 billion times a day, and the task of updating it took months of design work, research, and data collection.

The message here is that details, data, and thoughtful design matter – even for what may seem the simplest of tasks. When you write or create something, to what extent do you consider the details? How often do you “test out” what you are about to send to others to see how it might be received? Do you consider the cultural and linguistic differences among the members of the audience for your work?

- Mike Dougherty, Deputy Superintendent

Data Snapshot

Facebook users

Among online adults, the % who use Facebook

	Use Facebook
All internet users (n= 1,445)	71%
a Men (n= 734)	66
b Women (n= 711)	76 ^a
a White, Non-Hispanic (n= 1,025)	71
b Black, Non-Hispanic (n= 138)	76
c Hispanic (n= 169)	73
a 18-29 (n= 267)	84 ^{cd}
b 30-49 (n= 473)	79 ^{cd}
c 50-64 (n= 401)	60 ^d
d 65+ (n= 278)	45
a High school grad or less (n= 385)	71
b Some college (n= 433)	75 ^c
c College+ (n= 619)	68
a Less than \$30,000/yr (n= 328)	76 ^d
b \$30,000-\$49,999 (n= 259)	76
c \$50,000-\$74,999 (n= 187)	68
d \$75,000+ (n= 486)	69
a Urban (n= 479)	75
b Suburban (n= 700)	69
c Rural (n= 266)	71

(Source: [Pew](#))

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

Use Google to check Flight Schedules

To find flight schedules to or from a particular destination:

1. Type: **flights from** or **flights to** followed by the city or airport of interest.
2. Enter the departure and return dates.

In this example, see available flights from **Rochester, NY to Las Vegas, NV.**

Flights from **Rochester, NY (ROC) to Las Vegas, NV (LAS)** Sponsored ⓘ
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Depart Fri, July 18 Return Tue, July 22

All flights No nonstops	▲ Delta	6h 15m+	from \$469
	≡ US Airways	7h 30m+	from \$469
	✈ United	6h 40m+	from \$484
	✈ JetBlue	7h 35m+	from \$487
	✈ Other airlines	6h 20m+	from \$469

[More Google flight results >](#)



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 **Cathy Boynton**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I schedule workshops and add them to our Professional Development catalog, and assist the Director of RECDC.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** It will be 19 years in September!
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** Clock out time! Seriously, seeing people I know from different locations who attend workshops at 15 Linden, and working with the wonderful people here!
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** What free time?? With 3 granddaughters I don't get a lot of that! I enjoy gardening, and during the long winters I like to read and crochet. I also go to the gym when it's cold out!
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** My favorite thing to do is go to concerts, especially Jackson Browne & Springsteen - many people already know this, but they most likely don't know that I have been enjoying concerts since the 70s and it keeps me young!



Professional Development – Keeping us #1

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities from **The Monroe #1 Internal PD Catalog:**

- Therapeutic Crisis Intervention - (Full Course) August 25-28
- Aspects of Hearing Loss in an Aural/Oral World – August 6
- Instruction for All Cohort - begins August 18
- Creekside American Sign Language Introduction – August 21
- TCI Refresher – August 22

Follow this [link](#) to our Internal Catalog in **WinCapWEB** and enroll today!

- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & PD and Jodi Coniglio, Teacher Center Director

News and Notes

The Midwest RSE-TASC proudly hosted “The CDOS Regional Forum”, on July 30 and 31 at the Doubletree on Jefferson Road. With 15 vendors, and over 175 participants from as far away as Binghamton, this year’s 2- day Summer Institute was wildly successful! Attendees included administrators, teachers, parents and students from area districts, all eager to learn more about how to implement CDOS.

A representative from the New York State Education Department of Education provided the Day 1 keynote address on the newly released Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential. The purpose of the CDOS credential is to better prepare students with disabilities for post school employment. Additional sessions were offered on topics including; Worker Safety, Work-based Learning, using the Career Zone website to support documentation for CDOS, CTE and CDOS, a panel discussion with area Employers and a dynamic presentation on self-determination skills.



While Day 1 sessions provided critical information related to the credential, sessions on Day 2 provided participants with real world examples of the implementation of different components to support the skills credential. Wayne Central School District provided an overview of their graduation requirements such as: senior project, community service, and internship, which promote student success after high school. Tonawanda Valley Federal Credit Union highlighted their collaboration with several local school districts where in-school bank branches are opened and run entirely by students beginning as early as 3rd grade. An overview of TransitionSource.org was shared as a mechanism to assist districts in supporting students with disabilities to advance in their post school outcomes. One local teacher demonstrated how to use the employability profile as a tool with students, families, and employers.

Feedback on this year’s event included:

- *Great idea! I got the gist of how the program works and ways to get started.*
- *Wow! Powerful! Motivating! Hats off for developing a fantastic graduation requirement and prep for the real world.*
- *Great tool/website!*
- *Wonderful concrete example of how to help students monitor their employability skills.*

Missed the Midwest CDOS Regional Forum? It’s not too late; you can still register for Regional CDOS forums in Syracuse or Binghamton on September 25, or October 7.

- Kelly A. Endres, Coordinator, Midwest RSE-TASC

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

IDEA - [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)

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