



Weekly Bulletin



Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

- Thomas A. Edison

Upcoming Events

- Mon., Sept. 1 – Labor Day
- Thurs., Sept 4 – Regular Board Meeting
- Thurs., Sept. 11 – [911 Remembrance Day](#)
- Sun., Sept. 21 – International Peace Day
- Tues., Sept. 23 – Autumnal Equinox Day
- Wed., Sept. 24 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- Fri., Sept. 26 – Native American Day

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

A Message from Mike

Are you returning to school this fall in the same role you had last spring? Are you in a different classroom? Are you working with new people? When you’re not right in the middle of it, it can be easy to forget what a big deal a transition can be, particularly this time of year.

We are living one of these big changes in our house this fall. On September 4, Emma is starting 7th grade at Merton Williams Middle School in Hilton. This is the first time she will not be attending the Rochester School for the Deaf since she started school as an 18 month old. Imagine leaving a place with less than 130 students age birth to 21, where you have basically been with the same half dozen kids and many of the adults who all speak your language. And then imagine starting in a new school with 731 other 7th and 8th graders where the only person who is fluent in your first language is your ASL - English interpreter. Thankfully she is way tougher than I am.

Emma’s not alone this fall. Many of our students and colleagues are experiencing monumental changes while some of us begin the school year in familiar roles and situations. Perhaps you know a high school student who has been on home instruction for two years and is now starting in one of our programs? Maybe one of your friends is starting a new job. You could have a colleague who is working in a different program. Maybe someone important in your life passed away this summer. Or maybe you just dropped your first or last child off at college.

While change can be exciting and refreshing it can also be nerve-wracking and scary. Remember, this isn’t an easy time of year for all, and that it is our responsibility as parents, educators, and colleagues to help others through these big and important life changes. I wish you all the best as you begin this new school year. The day before school I will be watching *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off* for the 19th time as I gear up for our opening day. Good luck and have fun.

- Mike Dougherty, Deputy Superintendent

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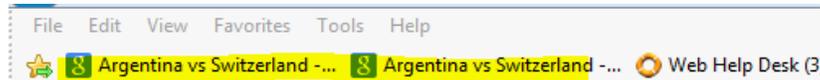
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Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

Stop Internet Explorer from "Suggesting Sites" on your Favorites Bar

Microsoft thinks it knows where I want to go on the web and suggests sites just below the Internet Explorer Menu on the "Favorites Bar". In this example World Cup Soccer has been suggested. Little do they know, I have no interest in the World Cup soccer results.



To stop this, you change the Internet Explorer settings. Here's how:

1. Click on **Favorites**.
2. Right-click on **Favorites Bar**.
3. Click on **Properties**.
4. On the **General** tab check both of these boxes: **Read-only** and **Hidden**. Then click **OK**.
5. **Close and re-open Internet Explorer** and you should no longer see the suggested sites.

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 **Donna Tando**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am the Manager of Microfilm Services. I handle all incoming calls from our districts, arrange for records pick up from the 11 school districts (including BOCES) we service, assign jobs for records scanning, and retrieve records requests on a daily basis from our districts. In the past year we have made several changes in Microfilm Services. We now scan all records and we are in the process of digitizing our microfilm rolls to make our service even more efficient with a much faster turnover. Microfilm Services is evolving and, I believe, our services will be an even more integral part for our district to handle their records management process.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** 23 years this October.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** Talking to all the people who use our services in the districts & BOCES; helping them get the info they need and problem solving with them. Many I have been talking to on a daily basis for years (even though I have never met them in person).
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** What I most enjoy doing in my free time is spending time with my two grandchildren. Dominick is 7 and Gianna is 4. They always put a smile on my face. I have a frame with a picture of me & my grandchildren and engraved on the frame is "Grandkids...I should have had them first!" I think that is so cute and funny (although my kids didn't think it was as funny as I did!!!!).
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** The one thing I would like people to know about me is I always try to be fair and see all sides of a situation before I make any decisions.



Professional Development – Keeping us #1

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

This year we are so excited to unveil our Internal PD Catalog. We have over 100 offerings for professional development. A new part of our catalog is Virtual PD. On pages 2 and 3 of the WinCapWEB catalog, you will find the following Virtual offerings from Educational Impact:

- Virtual PD: A Guide to Differentiated Instruction
- Virtual PD: Adolescent Literacy
- Virtual PD: Assessment for Learning Innovative Ways to Check for Understanding
- Virtual PD: Managing the Defiant child
- Virtual PD: Project Based Learning
- Virtual PD: The 5 Practices of Highly Effective Classrooms
- Virtual PD: Unpacking the Common Core

These sessions contain videos from experts like Robert Marzano, Rick Stiggins, Harvey Silver and Richard Strong. More information on how to take a Virtual Course will be provided at an upcoming faculty meeting or on opening day.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

- Therapeutic Crisis Intervention - (Full Course) August 25-28
- WinCapWEB: How to Work the System? September 8
- Zones of Regulation Webinar – September 10
- TCI Refresher - September 12

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

*- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development
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SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

IHE - Institutions of Higher Education

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