



# Weekly Bulletin



Balancing hopes, desires and an appreciating of the possibilities with a clear-eyed assessment of the limitations: that is the art of choosing.”

- Sheena Iyengar

## Upcoming Events

- Thurs., Aug. 20 – Regular Board Meeting
- Tues., Sept 1 – First Day for Teachers
- Wed., Sept 2 – First Day for Students
- Thurs., Sept. 3 – Regular Board Meeting
- Mon., Sept. 7 – Labor Day
- Fri., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
- Sun., Sept 13 – Grandparents’ Day

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

## A Message from Mike

This past week The New York State Education Department released the results of the 2015 grades 3-8 English language arts (ELA) and math assessments. Here’s a link to the press release and information about the assessment results: <http://nysed.gov/news/2015/state-education-department-releases-spring-2015-grades-3-8-assessment-results>. Last week also happened to be the week where students took August Regents Exams. Regardless of how you feel about 3-8 ELA and math assessments or Regents exams, it’s difficult to argue that assessment in general plays an important role in many aspects of our lives. Assessments give us information about how things are going. Sometimes that information is better than others. Making decisions without any information can be dangerous.

Like you, I took many tests during my elementary school and high school years including the Regents Exams required for high school graduation. I had to take a test to get a driver’s license and to become certified as an EMT. I’m having trouble remembering any of those tests that I actually enjoyed. But enjoyment wasn’t the point.

Over the coming weeks, you will likely hear many people offer their opinions about the assessments that are required as part of K-12 public education in New York State. I encourage you to think critically about what you hear. Try to understand the perspective from which people approach the conversation about assessments. Everyone has a perspective. Everyone has an opinion. And everyone has a bias.

- Mike Dougherty, Deputy Superintendent

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# Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Matt Giardina for the following tech tip:

## Arrange windows side by side on the desktop using Snap (Applies to Windows 7)

You can use Snap to arrange windows side by side, which is helpful when comparing two documents or when moving files from one place to another. (Snap might not work on some programs that have custom window behavior.)

### To arrange windows side by side:

1. Drag the title bar of a window to the left or right side of the screen until an outline of the expanded window appears.
2. Release the mouse to expand the window.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 with another window to arrange the windows side by side.
4. To return the window to its original size, drag the title bar away from the top of the desktop and then release.

Watch this [video](#) for a demonstration.

Tip: To snap an active window to the side of the desktop using the keyboard, press either Windows logo key +Left Arrow or Windows logo key +Right Arrow.

## 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 **Amie Bush**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I provide administrative support to the department of Student Programs and Services under the supervision of Shannon Duserick. Not only do I support him, but I act as a liaison between the department and the coordinators who arrange the provision of services to students in BOCES component and non-component districts. I am also examining work flow and analyzing processes to increase department efficiency, which utilizes some of my strongest skills.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** I just started June 1 of this year, so not even 3 months!
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I'm really enjoying the friendly atmosphere and all of the great people I've met so far. I also like being around the kids who come in and out of the office for various reasons. Now that my daughter is off to college in Georgia most of the year, it's great to have young faces around.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy outdoor activities such as walking, kayaking, biking, and downhill skiing. I'm an amateur writer who had a short story published on the Writers and Books website a few years ago. Right now I'm working on a novel and a science fiction story (whether they will ever see the light of day is anyone's guess). In a similar vein, I'm an avid reader and have belonged to the same book club for more than 15 years. I love music and like to find time to go to concerts of all kinds from rock to choral to classical. I enjoy theatre, ballet, opera, museums, and any other cultural activities. My daughter and I love to attend musical theatre productions together and have seen 15 or 16 different ones, both here and in New York City. I like to cook and bake, and this fall I'm looking forward to taking a pottery class at the Memorial Art Gallery
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I like to travel and have been to 14 countries in North America, Europe, and the Middle East.



# Programs & Services Update

## Democrat and Chronicle 'Working Here' Report Features EMCC Graduate, Emily Chen

The Democrat and Chronicle launched a special report on June 28th focusing on middle skills job opportunities in the region and the training and education needed to fill those jobs.

D&C staff writer Mary Chao's story in 'Working Here: Rewarding career in beauty industry,' included former EMCC graduate, Emily Chen. D&C photographer Shawn Dowd provided the photographs and video.

For the complete story, click [here](#):



## SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

**NYACCE** – New York Association for Continuing/Community Education

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