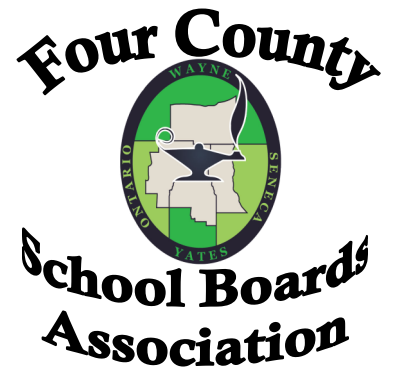


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Presidents' & Vice Presidents' Dinner and Program

Tuesday November 17, 2015

Registration – 5:45 p.m. Meeting – 6:15 p.m.

Finger Lakes Conference Room
Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES
Newark

Dr. Marla Iverson, Assistant Superintendent at WFL BOCES will present information and facilitate a discussion on Board Self Evaluation.

Please join us. Those who have participated in previous years have always found the evening enjoyable, filled with interesting conversation, and a thoughtful exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

**THANK YOU TO ALL FOUR COUNTY MEMBERS
FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR AREA CHILDREN
AND OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
YOUR TIME, ENERGY AND CONCERN ARE APPRECIATED.
BE ASSURED THAT YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

General Membership Meeting

With

REGENT WADE NORWOOD

Tuesday December 1, 2015

The Club 86
Geneva, NY

5:30 Registration/Social Hour
5:45 Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 Dinner
7:15 Program

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Respond to Common Core Survey

Two of Four County's ongoing positions in the Regents/Regulatory Position Paper are:

"Continue to improve the process for **timely and meaningful input** from your partners prior to making policy decisions that impact local school districts. Notify constituents of such opportunities through direct email, providing a direct link to the website location".

"Provide open forums, with widely publicized, timely notification, that **seek all viewpoints** when key issues are being considered".

An opportunity is now provided for comment on the Common Core Learning Standards.

Follow this link to the Survey - <http://www.nysed.gov/aimhighny>

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with Commissioner Elia.

NYSSBA CONVENTION NEW YORK CITY

Four County members, superintendents and other districts' administrators traveled to New York City to attend the 96th NYSSBA Annual Convention and Business Meeting. They were found taking advantage of skill building workshops, making contacts at the Education Expo, hearing from state leaders, and enjoying music from outstanding student groups. Seneca Falls Board President **Joe McNamara**, Superintendent **Bob McKeveny**, and Director of Curriculum and Technology **James Bruni** offered a presentation Monday and Tuesday mornings on their experience "**Creating a District-Wide Data-Driven Culture**". A number of Four County members represented their board as Voting Delegates to the annual Business Meeting. Executive Director Sharon Sweeney served as a "Teller" for the event.

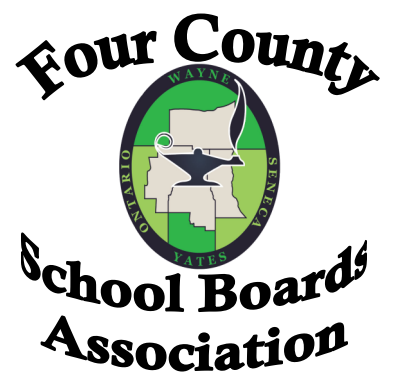
Four County members again jointly sponsored the **Upstate/Downstate Discussion of the Proposed Resolutions**. Facilitation of the that discussion fell to Four County this year and was ably offered by Newark Board Vice President **Russ Harris**.

Thanks to **C & S Companies** for their **generous sponsorship** of the **Upstate/Downstate Hospitality Suite** which was again jointly hosted by the eight school Board associations: **Erie County, Four County, Genesee Valley, Monroe County, Nassau-Suffolk, Niagara-Orleans, Rockland County and Westchester-Putnam**.

Executive Director Sharon Sweeney attended a meeting of the **Council of Local School Boards Associations (COLSBA)** which was held during the convention. Sharon serves as a member of the group's Steering Committee.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Under the leadership of Committee Chair **Bill Buchko** (Gananda), the Legislative Committee held their annual fall planning meeting on October 6 at the Club 86. Prior to the General Membership dinner, 15 members of the group gathered to consider activities for the 2015-2016 year. They will begin consideration of the Association legislative agenda on Saturday, October 31.
(See elsewhere for details.)

In addition to beginning the legislative position paper process, representatives from the group will attend meetings with area legislators this fall.

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LEGISLATIVE POSITION PAPER WORKSHOP I

Saturday, October 31, 2015

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LEGISLATIVE POSITION PAPER WORKSHOP II

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Continuing Ed Conference Room
Regional Support Center
131 Drumlin Court
Newark, New York

(Enter through the arched doorway at the North end of the building)

NO CHARGE

Coffee will be provided – BYOB (bring your own breakfast)

**MAKE SURE YOUR BOARDS ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED IN THE PREPARATION
OF THE FOUR COUNTY 2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2015-2016

The Steering Committee has identified the following dates as preferred for upcoming Four County events. Topics and other details will be provided as soon as available. In the meantime - make a note on your personal calendar.

General Membership—Dec. 1, Feb. 2, Mar. 22

Board of Directors—Dec. 1, Feb. 2, Mar. 22, April 19

Legislative Committee—Feb. 2 (Joint BOD meeting)

Saturday Workshops—Oct. 31 and Nov. 7, additional dates TBD

Fiscal Training—Feb. 6

Annual Meeting—May 23

Other Fall and Winter Events:

Presidents/Vice Presidents—November 17

NYSSBA Webinar on School Start Time—November 18

National Advocacy Institute—January 24-26