

THE ESSENTIALS

Enhancing Education with Educational Support Services

Dear Educators,

As we wrap up the 2024–2025 school year, I want to thank each of you for your commitment, collaboration, and care in supporting the students and families we are honored to serve. This year has been filled with meaningful progress, creative solutions, and a shared dedication to excellence across our programs.

As we look ahead to 2025–2026, our planning is already underway to ensure our Educational Support Services programs continue to grow, evolve, and respond to the needs of our region. Together, we will build on what we've accomplished—always with a focus on innovation, equity, and impact.

Wishing you a restful and restorative summer. We look forward to an exciting new year ahead!

Warmly,

Kate Davern, Director of Educational Support Services at Eastern Suffolk BOCES



21ST ANNUAL SCHOOL & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Elevating Leadership: Strengths, Strategy and Systemic Change

July 9 & 10, 2025 • 8:30 am – 2:30 pm • Instructional Support Center @ Sequoya, Holtsville



DAY ONE • Strengthening Your Leadership & Building High-Impact Teams • Nicole Evans Jones, Ed.D., National Education Consultant, CliftonStrengths Coach

Unlock your leadership potential by discovering the power of your unique strengths!



DAY TWO • Leading with Purpose: Beyond Vision – A Strategic Process for Systemic Change • Mary O'Meara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Plainview-Old Bethpage

Change in education takes more than vision—it requires strategic preparation, thoughtful implementation, and ongoing support for those impacted.



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For more information contact Bernadette Gentile, Program Administrator, at bgentile@esboces.org

Bring Expert-Led Professional Development to Your District!

Looking to bring high-impact, research-based professional development directly to your schools? Our Professional Development program is excited to offer districts access to renowned consultants who specialize in transforming instruction, supporting educator growth, and enhancing student outcomes.



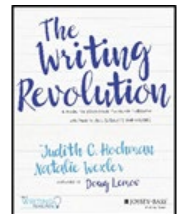
Dr. Bill Daggett

Founder of the Successful Practices Network and the International Center for Leadership in Education. Dr. Daggett focuses on **AI integration, the Rigor/Relevance Framework, system and instructional transformation, and future-focused, personalized learning.**



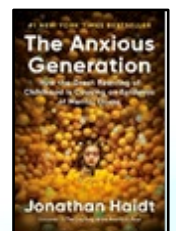
Dr. Maureen Martin

A veteran Long Island educator and national presenter with deep expertise in **literacy, special education, MTSS, explicit instruction, co-teaching, and instructional coaching.** Dr. Martin will be offering a **Writing Revolution workshop in Fall 2025**, and is available for customized in-district training.



Dr. Kelly Zinn, DSW, LCSW

A licensed clinical and school social worker, professor, and national presenter offering PD centered around **youth mental health.** She is currently leading a **book study on *The Anxious Generation***—a timely and powerful exploration of student well-being.



Districts interested in scheduling any of these dynamic professionals should reach out to the ESS Professional Development Program at pdteam@esboces.org

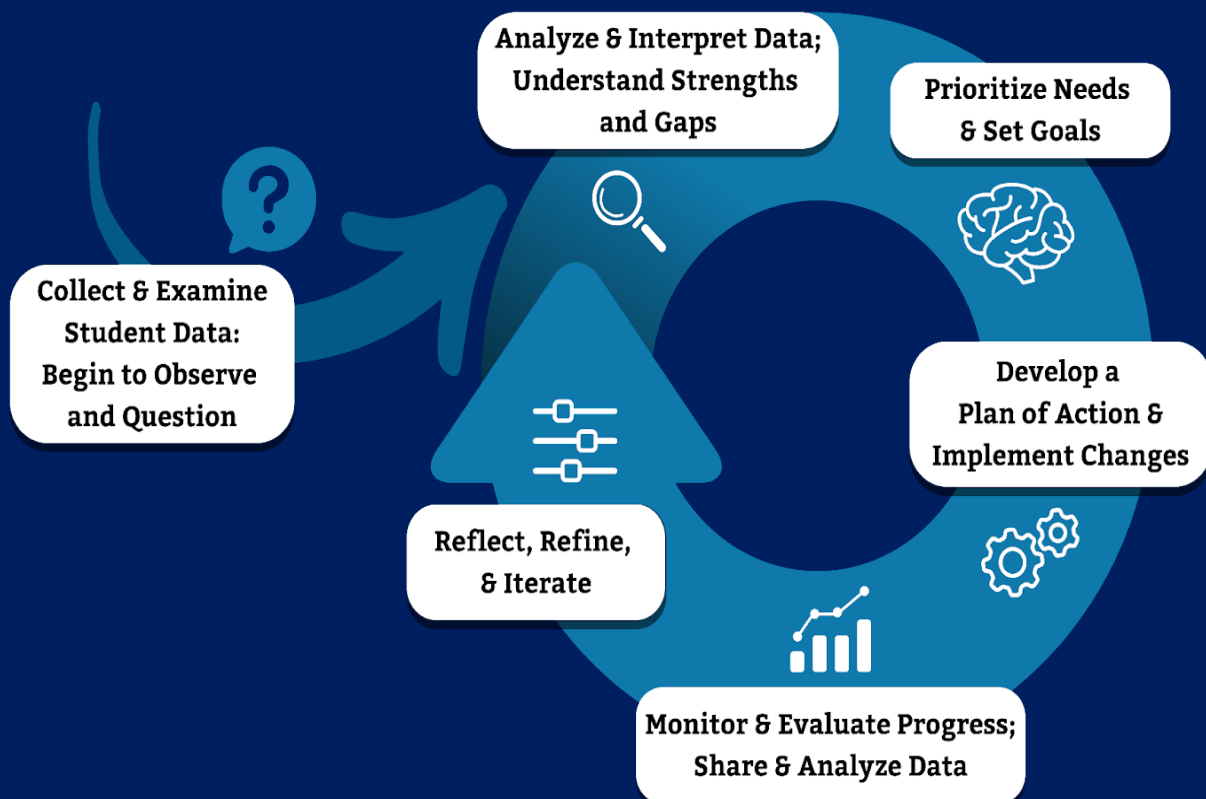
SCHOOL DATA BANK SERVICES

Contact Vanessa Biagioli-Dittrich, Program Administrator, for more information: SDBS@esboces.org

As you reflect on the past year, summer offers valuable time for Data Inquiry Teams to engage in collaborative inquiry. This is the time to analyze student performance, identify priority standards, and plan targeted instructional shifts.

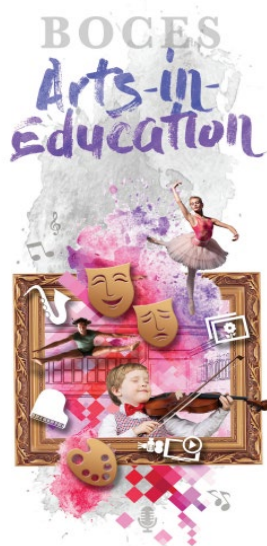
Using a data-inquiry model, inquiry teams can examine student outcomes and the instructional practices implemented. Educators can turn INSIGHT into ACTION and build shared strategies that support learning for all students.

The School Data Bank Services program offers resources, tools, coaching, and strategies to help make this work focused, sustainable, and impactful. Reach out to explore how our team can partner with you.



ARTS-IN-EDUCATION

For more information contact Loretta Corbisiero-Drakos, Administrative Coordinator, at lcorbisi@esboces.org



SCAN TO ACCESS THE
ARTS-IN-EDUCATION
CATALOG

Did you know many arts related professional organization district memberships are available through the Arts-in-Education service?

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, don't forget to visit the Arts-in-Education catalog for:

- ✚ District Arts Memberships
- ✚ Field Trips
- ✚ Ticketed Events
- ✚ School Plays - Licensing, Stage and Lighting, Stage Design, Costume Design & Choreography

<https://artsined.esboces.org/home.aspx>

And check our Spotlights page highlighting programs by theme:

<https://www.esboces.org/programs-services/ess/arts-in-education-exploratory-enrichment/spotlight>

District Memberships:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1746795352/esbocesorg/pjzjvbhxtnb9qu00sygr/Memberships42225_2.pdf

SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM



For more information contact Carl Vitevitch, Administrative Coordinator, at cvitevitch@esboces.org

To see a listing of all of our upcoming events for 2025-2026, as well as handouts and videos of our previous events, check the SLS LibGuide <https://esboces.libguides.com/handouts>



L.I. Students Read is a free collection of eBooks available through the SORA app. This collection is supported with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The materials available in this collection are based on utilizing the NYSED Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework.

MODEL SCHOOLS

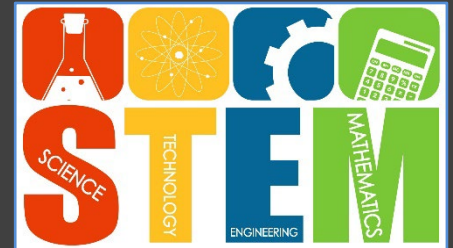
For more information, contact Heather Ciccone, Program Administrator, at hciccone@esboces.org

Celebrating STEM Engagement

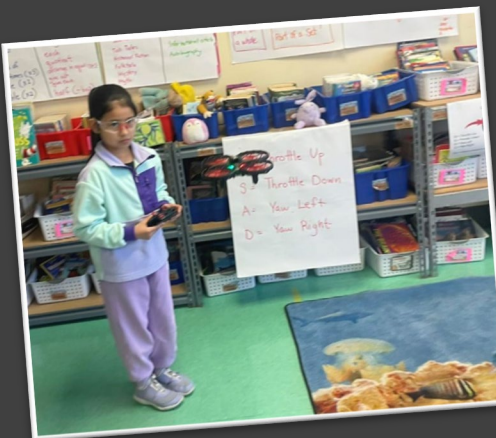
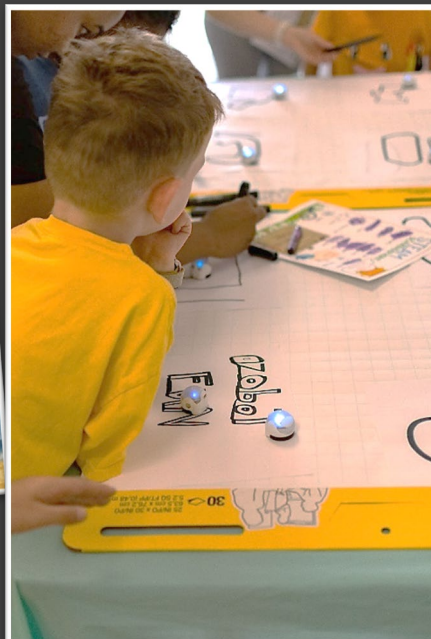
This past school year, the Model Schools Team partnered with multiple districts to bring STEM/STEAM Nights to life. Our Educational Technology Coaches shared innovative tools and strategies that made learning both fun and meaningful. Students and parents had the opportunity to explore and engage with cutting-edge educational technology through hands-on activities that sparked curiosity and creativity.

Our most popular tools included:

- Indi Cars
- Sphero Bolts
- Ozobots
- Cubelets
- Virtual Reality Kits



As we look ahead to the 2025–26 school year, now is the perfect time to start planning your next STEM/STEAM event. Our **Educational Technology Coaches** are here to support your STEM/STEAM nights with both district-owned tools as well as Model Schools technology. Let's keep the momentum going—contact us to bring engaging, tech-infused learning experiences to your district!



THIRD PARTY ASSESSMENTS

For more information, contact Jonathan Marron, Asst. Administrative Coordinator, at jmarron@esboces.org

As the school year winds down, it's the perfect time for districts to reflect on how local assessments supported instructional decisions and student growth over the past year—and begin planning how to strengthen those efforts moving forward. Our upcoming user meetings are a great opportunity to revisit your data practices and explore new features such as;

- ❖ Support tools available for most assessment products to help you successfully wrap up this school year and launch into 2025–2026 with a solid plan.
- ❖ Aimsweb Plus will introduce Pre-K Composite and Norms, a new Grade 1 Early Literacy Composite (including Word Reading Fluency and Nonsense Word Fluency), along with a License Overage Notification and the ability to batch-create progress monitoring goals
- ❖ i-Ready is rolling out i-Ready Pro for Middle School, offering deeper insights and tools
- ❖ NWEA users will see updated National Norms
- ❖ Renaissance is unveiling Renaissance Next for Leaders and a beta release of Renaissance Next for Students

Join us at our Fall User Meetings to stay informed, ask questions, and plan strategically for the 2025–2026 school year. Dates to be announced at the end of summer.



SUMMER ENRICHMENT

For more information about the Summer Enrichment or Extended Day Enrichment Programs, contact Danielle Hudek, Program Administrator, at dhuek@esboces.org, Nancy Dowdy-Adams, Assistant Administrative Coordinator, at ndowdy@esboces.org, or summerenrichment@esboces.org.



Eastern Suffolk BOCES is excited to announce the **Summer Enrichment Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program in Summer 2025 for students entering grades 7-12**. This CIT program is designed to serve as a transition from camper to counselor. The program will prepare participants to become enthusiastic, motivational and responsible leaders. The program focuses on boosting confidence, communication, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork, preparing students for future success both in school and beyond.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE: EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES SHINE



Arts-in-Education

- *"The students were engaged and excited during the assembly. It was interactive and fun! We enjoyed extending our learning about Earth Day and how we can help to take care of the Earth."* – praise for **Dumpster Doug** from Christina Gulli, Northport
- *"Students were actively engaged throughout the entire presentation. It was wonderful to listen to how an author comes up with book ideas and how he brings his ideas to life."* – praise for **Ballyhoo Bookworks** from Jennifer Goldman, Smithtown
- *"Every aspect of this workshop was wonderful: example artwork, presentations, Chris performed, lectured, demonstrated techniques, there was studio time and playing time, videos, etc. Chris was extremely organized and very animated which the students loved."* – praise for **Chris Pitkin** from Allison Razzano, Commack

Model Schools

*I'm reaching out to share how successful our **STEAM Night** was last night in **Mattituck-Cutchogue**. It was a fantastic event, and I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge Mara's contribution in particular. She was excellent—bringing in **a new tool that truly energized and engaged the students**. It added a fresh and exciting element to the night that everyone appreciated. We're grateful for her involvement and the enthusiasm she brought to the evening. Just wanted to pass along the recognition and thanks!* – Director of Technology & District Data Coordinator, Mattituck-Cutchogue UFSD

Professional Development

Artificial intelligence Conference: Ai Educate – Empowering the Future of Learning – March 27, 2025

"I enjoyed the presentation! It opened my mind to many perspectives of AI and its future" – Teacher, Remsenburg-Speonk UFSD

School Data Bank Services

"We have been actively reviewing and utilizing the data analyses you provided with our respective department teams, which has elicited some very productive conversations about instructional shifts for this coming year. Thank you!"

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS

A day of breakout learning sessions at our March 20th School Library System Liaison Meeting



Follow us on our **Educational Support Services** Instagram Page for professional development opportunities and program highlights!



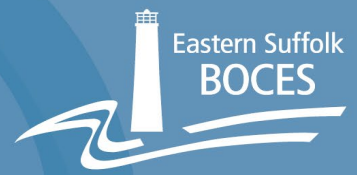
UPCOMING EVENTS: SUMMER 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE EVENTS LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, PLEASE USE THE COLOR-CODED KEY BELOW TO CONTACT EACH PROGRAM DIRECTLY. CLICK THE EVENT TITLE TO VIEW DETAILS AND REGISTER ON FRONTLINE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE ENTIRE CATALOG.

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Arts-In-Education	artsined@esboces.org
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Model Schools	mspd@esboces.org
Professional Development	pdonlinesupport@esboces.org
School Data Bank Services	sdbs@esboces.org
School Library System	slshelp@esboces.org
Third Party Assessments	thirdpartyassessments@esboces.org

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JULY & AUGUST 2025



START DATE	EVENT	PROGRAM
7/9	<u>21st Annual School & District Leadership Academy: Elevating Leadership: Strengths, Strategy, and Systemic Change</u>	Professional Development
7/23	<u>i-Ready Leadership Regional Training</u>	Third Party Assessments
8/12	<u>Leading with Connection: Preparing for a Phone-Free School Day Presented by Dr. Kelly Zinn, LCSW</u>	Professional Development
8/12	<u>Wilson Reading System® Three Day Introductory Course Presented by Aimee Gandee, Wilson Certified Trainer</u>	Professional Development
8/13	<u>APPR Recertification for Principal and Teacher Evaluators Presented by Dr. Anne Rullan</u>	Professional Development
8/18	<u>Community, Culture, And the Classroom</u>	Arts-In-Education
8/19	<u>Planning and Teaching Powerful Scientifically-Backed Writing Units of Study for K-6 Students (3-Day Workshop) - Lauren Kolbeck and Deborah Linscott-Feinstein</u>	Professional Development
8/19	<u>An Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders - NYS Education Department Approved Training Presented by Dr. Jeanne Villani, Psy.D.</u>	Professional Development
8/20	<u>APPR Web-Based Initial Training for New Evaluators of Principals Online Training and Off-Line Learning - Emma Klimek</u> (ongoing thru 12/19/25)	Professional Development
8/20	<u>New Principal Evaluator Training Asynchronous Facilitated by Emma Klimek</u> (ongoing thru 12/19/25)	Professional Development
8/20	<u>APPR Recertification for Principal and Teacher Evaluators Presented by Dr. Anne Rullan</u>	Professional Development
8/20	<u>Multi-Tiered Systems of Support An Overview for Administrators Presented by Dr. Maureen Martin</u>	Professional Development
8/26	<u>APPR Recertification for Principal and Teacher Evaluators Presented by Dr. Deborah De Luca</u>	Professional Development

SEPTEMBER 2025

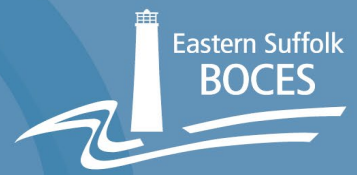


***SNEAK PEAK ***

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9/8	<u>WRS Level I Online Certification with Web-Based Practicum - Cohort 1 Presented by Aimee Gandee, Wilson Certified Trainer</u>	Professional Development
9/11	<u>APPR Recertification for Principal and Teacher Evaluators Presented by Dr. Deborah De Luca</u>	Professional Development

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9/18	APPR Recertification for Principal and Teacher Evaluators presented by Dr. Anne Rullan	Professional Development
9/26	APPR Recertification for Principal and Teacher Evaluators Presented by Dr. Deborah De Luca	Professional Development
9/30	A Deep Dive into NYSED Earth and Space Sciences Investigations Session 1: Unearthing Mars-A Historical Perspective Presented by Brian Vorwald	Professional Development
9/30	Writing Revolution Presented by Dr. Maureen Martin	Professional Development
9/30	Educator Care's Virtual Teacher Mentoring for Administrators and School Leaders Presented by Christina Foster	Professional Development

ESS Frontline Catalog

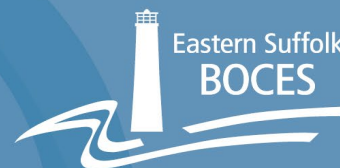


Wishing you all a wonderful summer!



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