

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL  
BOARDS ASSOCIATION

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



55 years continuously striving for excellence for the children  
in our public schools.

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## Mission

The Monroe County School Boards Association (MCSBA) is a member-driven organization providing support to public school leaders as they strive to provide an equitable education for all students.

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| MCSBA Officers 2023-2024 |                     |
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| Matt Metras              | President           |
| Dennis Laba              | Vice President      |
| Amy West                 | Past President      |
| John Abbott              | Treasurer           |
| MCSBA Office Staff       |                     |
| Amy Thomas               | Executive Director  |
| Nancy Pickering          | Program Director    |
| Tammy Gurowski           | Office Manager      |
| Sarah Pelusio            | Legislative Liaison |



Matt Metras



Dennis Laba



Amy West



John Abbott



Amy Thomas



Amy Thomas, Sarah Pelusio, Nancy Pickering and Tammy Gurowski

# From Executive Director Amy J. Thomas



Dear Members,

Our Association's achievements are deeply rooted in the collaboration and dedication of our members. Throughout this past year, we've strived to adapt our professional development initiatives to meet the evolving educational landscape in the wake of the pandemic. Covering a diverse array of crucial topics such as AI's impact on education, cybersecurity, zero-emission buses, book challenges, effective board meeting management, public comments policy, civil service law, superintendent searches, and RASHP updates, our programs have aimed to remain at the forefront of educational discourse.

Additionally, we've had the pleasure of hosting two special events for our entire membership. The first centered around the solar eclipse at RMSC, offering invaluable insights to this historical event that directly impacted the Rochester area, while the second was a tour of the Golisano Institute, showcasing their innovative post-secondary entrepreneurial degree program. These events, alongside our regular programming,

thrive on the expertise generously shared by educational leaders within our greater Rochester community and within our member districts.

Our advocacy efforts have also been robust, as demonstrated by our engagement with government leaders to champion our legislative priorities. From our annual trip to Albany, via the adventurous Amtrak journey, to our meetings with legislators, representatives, SED, the Governor's office, and the Board of Regents, we've remained steadfast in advocating for the interests of our membership school districts. Our legislative breakfast was a definite highlight this year. The inclusion of student voice to reinforce why our collective advocacy matters and who it ultimately impacts, was well received by our legislative representatives and our membership. My thanks to the student representatives from Greece, Pittsford, the Rochester City School District, West Irondequoit, and Wheatland-Chili!

As I write this message, Governor Hochul's \$237 billion budget has been announced, and thankfully it averted cuts to save-harmless and incorporated a higher inflation adjustment than the Governor initially proposed. We will gladly accept the small victories while continuing to advocate for what our school districts – our students – deserve! As we enter the new school year, we will be paying close attention to the \$2 million appropriated to the Rockefeller Institute to conduct a study on the foundation aid formula.

Reflecting on the changes within MCSBA over the past year, our most noticeable transformation is our new logo, thanks to the efforts of Monroe-2 Orleans BOCES Communication & Technology Services (CaTS). This logo symbolizes our commitment to providing professional development to our member districts. Our programming has reached record levels of in-person attendance (with enhancements to those participating virtually), we elevated the legislative breakfast by incorporating student voice, and hosted two social hours for the membership again this year. And, last but not least, we've also welcomed Tammy Gurowski as our new Office Manager.

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Our communication to the membership has evolved as well, with a streamlined focus on our website, thanks to the ongoing support of Valerie Barclay at Monroe One BOCES. As we shifted to a one login system this year, our website serves as a central hub for valuable resources and communication channels, such as Current Topics and Trends, providing pertinent information and articles for our membership's benefit.

As we navigate these changes, it's essential to remember why change is necessary. Just as educational institutions must evolve to meet the needs of students, we too must adapt to remain responsive and relevant to our members. Our fundamental mission—to support public school leaders in providing equitable education for all students—remains steadfast.

A big thank you also goes out to our office team—Nancy, Sarah, and Tammy—for their tireless efforts in serving our members and advancing our initiatives. With our office team, I have had the privilege of working alongside Matt Metras, President; Dennis Laba, Vice-President; John Abbott, Treasurer; and Amy West, Immediate Past-President. MCSBA would not be able to deliver on its promise of further refining and delivering member services without their support.

In closing, I am incredibly proud of our collective achievements this year. As we look ahead, let's continue to work together to serve the needs of all students in all public schools. Your leadership and commitment inspire us, and I am excited to continue our journey together in the coming year. Wishing each of you a wonderful, sunny summer ahead!

Amy

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## **MCSBA Activities for 2023-2024**

- MCSBA provides over 60 professional development programs for our membership per year
- 3 Standing committees meeting every month during the school year; Information Exchange, Labor Relations, and Legislative
- 4 Board Leadership meetings
- 2 School Law Conferences
- 2 Social Hours and an Annual Meeting in May open to all members
- All-members events at the RMSC for the solar eclipse and tour of The Golisano Institute
- 2 District Clerks seminars with a Lunch & Learn session with Diligent (BoardDocs)
- Facilitate Board Retreats and Meet-the-Candidates Nights
- Advocacy trip to Albany
- Meetings with local legislators
- Legislative Breakfast in February
- Prospective School Board Candidate seminar
- SED required trainings in Governance and Finance
- Produce two publications: *Best for Less* and *Facts & Figures*
- Facilitate tax bill printing for county schools
- Conduct Board Governance presentations for administrative coursework at the University of Rochester
- Member of the Coalition of Local School Board Associations
- Member of the ACT for Education Advisory/Steering Committee
- Meet monthly with the Monroe County School Attorneys group
- Attend meetings at Golisano Children's Hospital as part of the Golisano Children's Hospital Women's Subcommittee
- Quarterly meetings with the President of the Monroe County Federation of Teachers and the Regional Director of the New York State United Teachers Association
- Conduct informational presentations to the Affiliate Network

# From Outgoing President Matt Metras



Wow, what an incredible year it has been! I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to the entire membership of the MCSBA for their support during my tenure as President. The saying, "Many hands make light work," truly resonates, as some of the most spectacular school board members in the county have stepped up to keep the association running strong.

We embarked on this year with ambitious goals. While some were executed flawlessly, others required a pivot. Our advocacy work, led by Legislative Liaison and Legislative Committee Co-chair Sarah Pelusio, deserves special recognition. Sarah has devoted countless hours to ensuring our association is well-prepared for all advocacy efforts. When she's not indexing bills in the state legislature and maintaining the endless list of unfunded mandates, she can be found zooming all the way in on satellite imagery to cross-reference the new legislative district maps. Together with Co-chair Karen Hatch, they have kept us well-informed and ready to engage with our elected officials.

Our annual Albany trip was a great success, and the transition to the train this year made the whole journey more comfortable. Our legislative breakfast was the best I've been to in my service as a board member. Not only was there heat, but the addition of student voice was exceptionally powerful and was very impactful on our legislators.

We set out to build a robust cross-district mentoring program. With valuable input from our subcommittee and veteran board leaders, we adapted our approach to respect the autonomy of individual districts while still providing support for new board members. To keep board members up-to-date on relevant topics, we introduced special 4 PM Information Exchange meetings for better accessibility. Although the clouds made it the most Rochester eclipse possible, it was still an amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience. We also increased opportunities for board members to socialize and network at our social hours.

The backbone of our association is our standing committees. They offer dozens of hours of professional development. Those committees are only possible with the efforts of our co-chairs. I want to highlight the leadership of Janice Fortuna and Jim Musshafen on the Information Exchange Committee, Scott Adair and Mark Elledge on the Labor Relations Committee, and Kathy Dillon and Kim McCluski on the Communications Outreach Advisory Committee (COAC).

Our staff at MCSBA, under the leadership of Amy Thomas, has significantly enhanced our programming and educational offerings for board members. Nancy Pickering continues to develop a diverse array of professional learning opportunities, improving our effectiveness as board members. Tammy Gurowski joined our team this year as Office Manager with big shoes to fill following the retirement of Mary Talbot. Tammy has hit the ground running and we wish Mary the best in her retirement.

Huge thank you to the officers of the association, who attend approximately 82 meetings a month. Dennis Laba has been a pleasure to work with and John Abbott will always answer "Yes" when I ask if we have the money for something. My last request was for chair massages at our meetings, which I can only assume will be implemented soon. I can't thank Amy West enough, for her leadership, guidance, friendship, and most importantly for agreeing, after being voluntold that she gets a bonus year as Immediate Past President on account of me not running again.

Lastly, I must thank my superintendent, Dr. Aaron Johnson. Serving as MCSBA President comes with many "additional tasks," for example arranging the musical entertainment for our annual meeting. In reality, most of those tasks become Aaron's responsibility and he's always graciously accommodating to all the curve balls I send his way.

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead, it's clear that the role of a school board member has profoundly evolved since before the pandemic. This period has demanded agility and resilience, pushing us to think innovatively and act decisively to meet the needs of our educational community. These skills are the same ones we strive to teach our students. The commitment of board members must be celebrated. I applaud all of our members for volunteering countless hours to work together to do what's best for kids.

~ Matt

# Executive Committee 2023-2024

## MCSBA Officers

| MCSBA              | Amy Thomas         | Executive Director |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| MCSBA              | Matt Metras        | President          |
| MCSBA              | Dennis Laba        | Vice President     |
| MCSBA              | John Abbott        | Treasurer          |
| MCSBA              | Past President     | Amy West           |
| District           | Superintendent     | Board President    |
| BOCES 1            | Dan White          | Kim McCluski       |
| BOCES 2            | Jo Anne Antonacci  | Dennis Laba        |
| Brighton           | Kevin McGowan      | Larry Davis        |
| Brockport          | Sean Bruno         | Jeff Harradine     |
| Churchville-Chili  | Lori Orologio      | Kathy Dillon       |
| East Irondequoit   | Mary Grow          | Jill Ricci         |
| East Rochester     | Jim Haugh          | Patrick Flanagan   |
| Fairport           | Brett Provenzano   | Erica Belois-Pacer |
| Gates Chili        | Christopher Dailey | Katie Coffee       |
| Greece             | Kathleen Graupman  | Sean McCabe        |
| Hilton             | Casey Kosiorek     | Mark Hilburger     |
| Holley             | Brian Bartalo      | Anne Winkey        |
| Honeoye Falls-Lima | Gene Mancuso       | Caralyn Ross       |
| Kendall            | Nicholas Picardo   | Lisa Levett        |
| Penfield           | Thomas Putnam      | Emily Roberts      |
| Pittsford          | Michael Pero       | Robin Scott        |
| RCSD               | Carmine Peluso     | Cynthia Elliott    |
| Rush-Henrietta     | Barbara Mullen     | Scott Adair        |
| Spencerport        | Ty Zinkiewich      | Gary Bracken       |
| Victor             | Tim Terranova      | Tim DeLucia        |
| Webster            | Brian Neenan       | Janice Richardson  |
| West Irondequoit   | Aaron Johnson      | Matt Metras        |
| Wheatland-Chili    | Lynda Quick        | Jim Musshafen      |

## MCSBA Steering Committee 2023-2024

| Title                                   | Name              | District                  |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Executive Director                      | Amy Thomas        |                           |
| MCSBA President                         | Matt Metras       |                           |
| MCSBA Vice President                    | Dennis Laba       |                           |
| MCSBA Treasurer                         | John Abbott       |                           |
| MCSBA Past President                    | Amy West          |                           |
| District Superintendent, BOCES 1        | Dan White         | Monroe One BOCES          |
| District Superintendent, BOCES 2        | Jo Anne Antonacci | Monroe 2-Orleans BOCE     |
| MCCOSS                                  | Mary Grow         | East Irondequoit          |
| Superintendent, West Irondequoit        | Aaron Johnson     | West Irondequoit          |
| COAC Co-Chair                           | Kathy Dillon      | Churchville-Chili/BOCES 2 |
| COAC Co-Chair                           | Kim McCluski      | BOCES 1                   |
| Information Exchange Committee Co-Chair | Janice Fortuna    | Fairport                  |
| Information Exchange Committee Co-Chair | Jim Musshafen     | Wheatland-Chili           |
| Labor Relations Committee Co-Chair      | Scott Adair       | Rush-Henrietta            |
| Labor Relations Committee Co-Chair      | Mark Elledge      | Penfield                  |
| Legislative Committee Co-Chair          | Karen Hatch       | Brighton                  |
| Legislative Committee Co-Chair          | Sarah Pelusio     | Pittsford                 |
| Ad Hoc Member                           | Christopher Parks | Victor                    |

# Community Connections

MCSBA partners with ACT for Education to deliver positive messaging about our local school districts and encourage community support of education.

Facts & Figures is an informational booklet filled with updated information on the 23 school districts of Monroe County. Local realtors utilize this important resource.

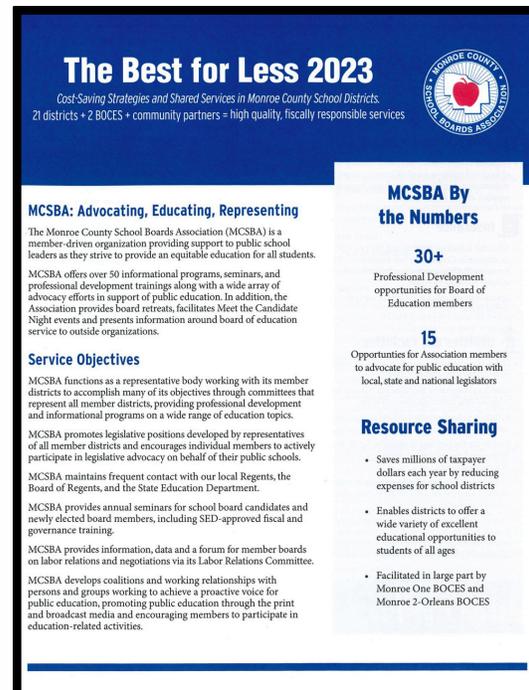
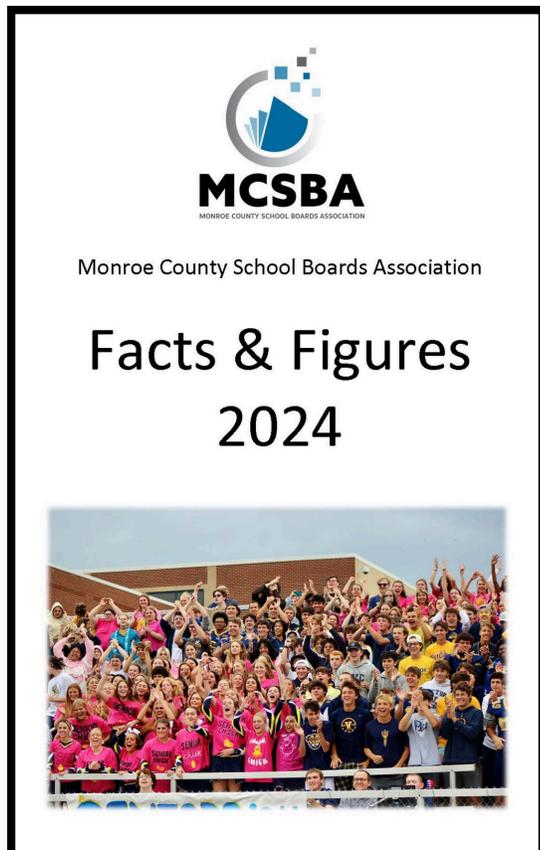
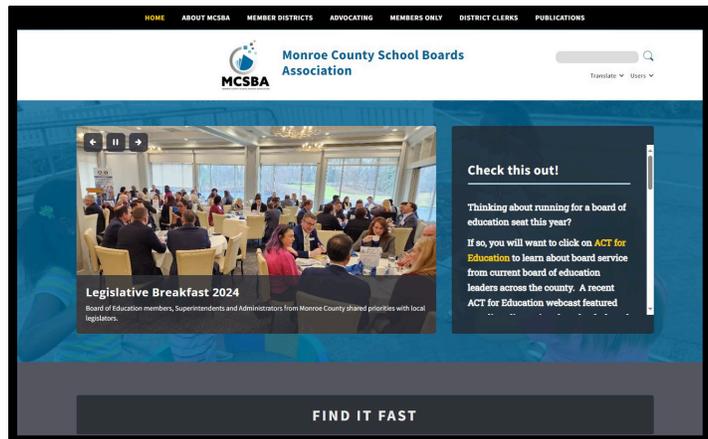
Best for Less provides an overview of services provided to member districts through Monroe One BOCES and Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES.

The MCSBA website provides information and links for the public and serves as a depository for members-only resources.



## Our Mission

A Community Together (ACT) for Education is an unprecedented initiative by public schools in the Monroe 1 and Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES districts, RCSD, area businesses, and community members. With a unified voice, ACT for Education delivers positive messaging about our local school districts and encourages community support of public education.



**MCSBA By the Numbers**

- 30+** Professional Development opportunities for Board of Education members
- 15** Opportunities for Association members to advocate for public education with local, state and national legislators

**Resource Sharing**

- Saves millions of taxpayer dollars each year by reducing expenses for school districts
- Enables districts to offer a wide variety of excellent educational opportunities to students of all ages
- Facilitated in large part by Monroe One BOCES and Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES

# Conferences and Seminars



MCSBA President Matt Metras at the Prospective School Board Candidate seminar.



Board Governance 2023 Panel: Dennis Laba, Amy West, Matt Metras, Karen Hatch and Gary Bracken



Fiscal Training: Local Policies & NYS Regulations for Oversight of Districts supported by NYSED, ASBO-New York and MCSBA.



Wheatland-Chili Superintendent Lynda Quick, Esq., at Prospective School Board Candidate Seminar.



School Attorney Laura Purcell shares legal updates with district clerks.



Board Governance 2023: District Superintendents Jo Anne Antonacci (Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES) and Dan White (Monroe One BOCES).



Veteran district clerks provide advice and support to new colleagues.

# School Law Conferences

The Fall School Law Conference, held at Oak Hill Country Club, featured a conversation with SED General Counsel Daniel Morton-Bailey on *Behind the Scenes of SED's Office of Counsel*. Other sessions included *Risk Avoidance with Respect to Hot Button Issues* and *Employee Rights, Investigations and Due Process*.



Sara Visingard, Daniel Morton-Bailey and Amy Thomas



Fall Law Conference at Oak Hill Country Club.



Colleen Heinrich, Anne McGinnis and Ryan Everhart



Charles Symons and Karl Kristoff



Kristen Thorsness and Sara Visingard

The Spring 2024 School Law Conference, held at Shadow Lake Golf & Raquet Club, *Managing your Policy Manual; Title IX and Sexual Harrassment; and Generative Artificial Intelligence and the Schools - The Legal Issues*.



Allison Marley and Ryan Everhart



Kristen Thorsness presenting on Transgender Athlete Participation.

# NYSSBA Annual Conference



Representing Fairport, MCSBA and Monroe One BOCES



Brian Neenan, Janice Richardson and Erin Land of Webster



Larry Davis and Kevin McGowan of Brighton



Erin Land, Janice Richardson and Charlie Roods of Webster



Gene Mancuso  
Honeoye Falls-Lima



Maureen Nupp, B1, having tinsel placed in her hair during the student Expo.



BOE Members from Rush-Henrietta

# Information Exchange Committee



Janice Fortuna



Jim Musshafen

The Information Exchange Committee was led by Janice Fortuna (Fairport) and Jim Musshafen (Wheatland-Chili). This year's seminars included a wide variety of current topics requested by members. The presentation and video recording of the meetings are available to members on the MCSBA website.

## ***Book Challenges: Establishing an Effective Approach in This Era of Divisiveness***

Challenge to Instructional Materials: Hilton Central School District's Process  
Dr. Casey Kosiorek, Superintendent, Hilton CSD  
Kristen Paolini, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Hilton CSD

Objections to Instructional Materials, Controversial Issues, and Library Materials  
Michael Pero, Superintendent, Pittsford CSD

## ***A Move to Zero-Emissions Pupil Transportation***

Electric School Buses at Gates Chili Central School District  
Christopher J. Dailey, Superintendent, Gates Chili CSD  
Dr. Michael J. Ball, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Gates Chili CSD  
Matthew Helmbold, Director of Transportation, Gates Chili CSD

## ***Shaping AI; ChatGPT and Beyond***

Presented by Monroe One BOCES  
Bridget Harris - Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instruction and Technology  
Christine Treasure - Director of Learning and School Improvement  
Doreen Pietrantoni - Instructional Technology Specialist  
Katherine Rice - Instructional Technology Specialist

## ***Preparing for Totality: Prepping for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse***

Dan Schneiderman, Eclipse Partnerships Coordinator, Rochester Museum and Science Center

## ***Ecopark: A Resource for School Districts***

Monroe County/WM Ecopark: Innovative Solutions for Business Waste Disposal  
Stephen Peletz, Environmental Compliance Coordinator, Monroe County Dept. of Environmental Services

## ***Challenges Schools Face in Managing Their Chemicals***

Dawn E. Howe, Health & Safety Specialist, Genesee Valley Educ. Partnership, Health, Safety, Risk Management Services

## ***Running a Ship-Shape Meeting: From the Before and the After***

Patrick Longo, Member Relations Manager, NYSSBA

## ***What to Expect When You're Searching for a Superintendent***

Superintendent Search - Process and Contract Negotiations  
Jo Anne Antonacci, District Superintendent, Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES  
Dan White, District Superintendent, Monroe One BOCES



Solar Eclipse Presentation at RMSC



Gates Chili E-Bus Presentation

# Information Exchange Committee 2023-2024

| Co-Chairs             | Janice Fortuna & Jim Musshafen   |
|-----------------------|--|
| BOCES 1               | Lisa Latten, Nancy Semal   |
| BOCES 2               | Cindy Dawson, Chuck Phillips   |
| Brighton              | Carrilyn Bertino, Eleanor Oi   |
| Brockport             | Kathy Robertson, Dave Howlett  |
| Churchville-Chili     | Jonathan Payne   |
| East Irondequoit      | Dan McInerney  |
| East Rochester        | Patrick Flanagan, Jim Haugh  |
| Fairport              | Janice Fortuna, Lisa Christensen, Nicole Thibault                        |
| Gates Chili           | Kerri Keyes  |
| Greece                | Todd Butler  |
| Hilton                | Kaylee Bennett, Kristine Price   |
| Holley                | Brian Bartalo  |
| Honeoye Falls-Lima    | David Francis, Joel Robinson, Lynley Guckian, Carol Bellavia             |
| Kendall               | Lisa Levett, Chaley Swift  |
| Penfield              | Aaliyah El-Amin-Turner, Catherine Dean, Tom Putnam                       |
| Pittsford             | Kim Huels, Emily Kay   |
| RCSD                  | Cynthia Elliott, Carmine Peluso  |
| Rush-Henrietta        | Rachel Sherman, Mai Abdullah, Scott Adair, Shiloh Arthmann, Laura Borate |
| Spencerport           | Marsha Hinman, Megan Sarkis  |
| Victor                | Bryan Adams, Tim DeLucia   |
| Webster               | Maria Cortes, Jennifer Birdsong-Ng, Brian Neenan                         |
| West Irondequoit      | Matt Metras, Matt Sullivan, Rosa Vargas-Cronin                           |
| Wheatland-Chili       | Jim Musshafen, Courtney Panek  |
| MCCOSS Representative | Brian Bartalo, Tom Putnam  |

# Labor Relations Committee



Scott Adair



Mark Elledge

The Labor Relations Committee led by Scott Adair (Rush-Henrietta) and Mark Elledge (Penfield) continued with a full sequence of programming.

## ***RASHP - Changes & Updates***

Rochester Area School Health Plans (RASHP) Medicare Advantage Plans - 2024  
Sharon Brognia, Area Vice President, Benefit Consulting, Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.  
Scott Covell, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services, Monroe One BOCES

## ***Code Sentinel: Defending the Virtual Gates***

Dr. Jeff Cimmerer, Chief Information Officer, Pittsford CSD  
Lindsay A.G. Plantholt, Esq., Ferrara Fiorenza PC

## ***An Overview of Civil Service Law and Processes***

Shawn Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Pittsford CSD  
Michael P. Leone, Esq., Ferrara Fiorenza PC

## ***Facilitated Intensive Negotiations***

James A. Gregory, Esq., Ferrara Fiorenza PC

## ***Workplace Violence Prevention - School District Considerations and Policy***

School Safety Plans & the Workplace Violence Prevention Act  
Lindsay Plantholt, Esq., Ferrara Fiorenza PC

## ***Public Comment Policy - Updates & Considerations***

Allison Marley, Partner, Ferrara Fiorenza PC

## ***RASHP II Update***

Rochester Area School Health Plan II (RASHP II)  
Scott Covell, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services, Monroe One BOCES  
Charles McLaughlin, Area Vice President and Consulting Actuary, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.



Mark Elledge, Allison Marley and Scott Adair



Co-Chairs with Lindsay Plantholt



Scott Covell & Charles McLaughlin



Presentation on Workplace Violence Prevention Act.

# Labor Relations Committee

## 2023-2024

| Co-Chairs             | Scott Adair & Mark Elledge                                   |
|-----------------------|--|
| BOCES 1               | Bryan Buttram, Maureen Nupp                                  |
| BOCES 2               | John Abbott, Kathy Dillon                                    |
| Brighton              | Larry Davis  |
| Brockport             | Mike Turberville, Bob Lewis                                  |
| Churchville-Chili     | Kevin Johnson  |
| East Irondequoit      | Kim Lasher, Patricia Storm                                   |
| East Rochester        | Patrick Flanagan, Jenalee Herb                               |
| Fairport              | Janice Fortuna, Peter Forsgren                               |
| Greece                | Megan Ferra, Bill Maloney, Sherita Traywick, Kathy Graupmann |
| Hilton                | Kristine Price, Stephanie Sloan                              |
| Holley                | Anne Winkley   |
| Honeoye Falls-Lima    | Christopher Neff, Stephanie Templeton                        |
| Kendall               | Rachel Fiskens, Bryan Hardenbrook                            |
| Penfield              | Mark Elledge, Tom Putnam                                     |
| Pittsford             | Dave Berk, Emily Kay   |
| RCSD                  | Cynthia Elliott  |
| Rush-Henrietta        | Susanne Bennett, Barbara Mullen                              |
| Spencerport           | Michael Miceli, Lori Stone                                   |
| Victor                | Tim DeLucia, Elizabeth Mitchell                              |
| Webster               | Linda Dioguardi, Brian Freeman, Shanna LaDelfa, Dave Swinson |
| West Irondequoit      | Matt Metras, John Vay  |
| Wheatland-Chili       | Courtney Panek, Kim Snyder                                   |
| MCCOSS Representative | Kathy Graupmann, Barbara Mullen, Tom Putnam                  |

# Legislative Committee



Karen Hatch



Sarah Pelusio

The Legislative Committee is co-chaired by Karen Hatch (Brighton) and Sarah Pelusio (Pittsford). The Legislative Committee facilitated Zoom meetings with local legislators, the February Legislative Breakfast and meetings with local and federal representatives. A Legislative Handbook is available to all members.



Executive Director Amy Thomas welcomed MCSBA members and legislators to the February Legislative Breakfast at Shadow Lake.



Executive Director Amy Thomas along with Legislative Co-Chairs Karen Hatch and Sarah Pelusio, met with Congressman Joe Morelle to discuss current legislative events relative to public education. Topics included universal meals, zero-emission buses, and school safety and security.



The Legislative Committee hosted Regent Adrian Hale at the April Legislative Committee meeting.



Residential Vape Disposal Program press conference with Adam Bello and Monroe County Ecopark. Photo includes Sarah Pelusio (MCSBA) and Tammy Gurowski (MCSBA) with Greece Superintendent Kathy Graupman.

# Legislative Committee

## 2023-2024

| Co-Chairs             | Karen Hatch & Sarah Pelusio                              |
|-----------------------|--|
| BOCES 1               | Margaret Burns, Lisa Latten, Tom Nespeca, Maureen Nupp   |
| BOCES 2               | Cindy Dawson, Kathy Dillon                               |
| Brighton              | Karen Hatch, Christina Lee                               |
| Brockport             | Terry Anne Carbone, Jeff Harradine                       |
| Churchville-Chili     | Michelle Aloï, Kathy Dillon                              |
| East Irondequoit      | Stacey Beaumont, Jill Ricci, Carol Watt                  |
| East Rochester        | Vincent Antonicelli                                      |
| Fairport              | Erica Belois-Pacer, Brian Moritz, Mary Caitlin Wight     |
| Gates Chili           | Frank Muscato  |
| Greece                | Megan Ferra, Sherita Traywick                            |
| Hilton                | Mark Hilburger   |
| Honeoye Falls-Lima    | Carol Bellavia, Gene Mancuso, Caralyn Ross, Sue Thering  |
| Kendall               | Rachel Fiskén, David Warren                              |
| Penfield              | Nicole Doyley  |
| Pittsford             | Emily Kay, Sarah Pelusio                                 |
| RCSD                  | Ricardo Adams, Amy Maloy                                 |
| Rush-Henrietta        | Scott Adair, Barbara Mullen                              |
| Spencerport           | Gary Bracken, Lori Stone                                 |
| Victor                | Tim DeLucia, Adam Snyder                                 |
| Webster               | Carole Barnabas, Brian Freeman                           |
| West Irondequoit      | Aaron Johnson, Matt Metras, Matt Sullivan                |
| Wheatland-Chili       | Lynda Quick  |
| MCCOSS Representative | Aaron Johnson, Gene Mancuso, Barbara Mullen, Lynda Quick |

# Legislative Breakfast 2024



Legislators heard from students, pictured with their Superintendents (I-R): West Irondequoit, Wheatland-Chili, RCSD, Greece & Pittsford.



Two sessions were held so that MCSBA members would have multiple opportunities to meet with legislators.



Senator Helming with the student from Wheatland-Chili and Table Leader Amy West.



Regent Wade Norwood.



Congressman Jeremy Cooney



Greece Superintendent Kathy Graupman with student.



MCSBA Officers, Superintendents and MCSBA members served as Table Leaders to guide the conversation.



Regent Adrian Hale

# MCSBA Advocacy Trip to Albany

## March 4, 2024

MCSBA members joined Superintendents in Albany to advocate on behalf of students. Meetings were held with representatives from the Governor's office, SED, and legislators. The visit included a lunchtime legislative debrief with NYSSBA representatives.



Meeting with NYSSBA representatives Matt DeLaus and John Daley.



Enjoying the bus ride from the Amtrak train station to our meetings.



Meeting with Deputy Commissioner, SED Christina Coughlin



Meeting with Senator Krueger.  
Robin Scott (Pittsford), Caralyn Ross (HFL) and Marg Burns (B1).



Meeting with Senator Addabbo

# Special Events



School Board Member Recognition Week of October 2023.



MCSBA Member Social Hour at The Hideaway.



The ACT for Education “Community Champions for Public Education Celebration”. Pictured is the ACT4Ed Advisory/Steering Committee.



MCSBA Office Manager Mary Talbot retired after 35 years of service. Pictured with Judy Wadsworth.



Our members visited the RMSC to learn more about the April 8th solar eclipse.



MCSBA Members had an opportunity to tour the Golisano Institute for Business and Entrepreneurship.

# MCSBA Member Activities



Amy West (B1), Sarah Pelusio (Pittsford) and Kim McCluski (B1)



District Superintendents Jo Anne Antonacci (B2) and Dan White (B1) at the ACT for Education Community Champions for Public Education event.



School Attorney Laura Purcell and Amy Thomas at the fall District Clerk Conference.



Tom Nespeca (B1) and Mark Kokanovich (B1) at the Legislative Breakfast.



The opening act for the Spring School Law Conference, MCSBA President Matt Metras.



MCSBA all-member Social Hour at The Hideaway.

# MCSBA Member Activities



Jim Musshafen (Wheatland-Chili) and David Francis (Honeoye Falls-Lima) at the Spring School Law Conference.



Superintendent Brett Provenzano (Fairport), Superintendent Christopher Dailey (Gates Chili) and Assistant Superintendent for HR Ned Dale (Hilton) at the Legislative Breakfast.



RCSD General Counsel Adrian Neil, Attorney Michael Leone (Ferrara Fiorenza) and Attorney Allison Marley (Ferrara Fiorenza) at the Spring School Law Conference.



The Affiliate Network, led by Judy Wadsworth, attend an informational meeting hosted at the MCSBA office.



NYSSBA Attendees: Kim McCluski (B1), Nancy Pickering (Hilton), Amy Thomas (MCSBA), Kaylee Bennett (Hilton) and Mark Hilburger (Hilton).



Bob Crocetti, Assistant Superintendent for HR (East Irondequoit); David Swinson, Assistant Superintendent for HR (Webster); and Amanda Bayer, Director of HR (Webster) at the Spring School Law Conference.

# Retirements

Thank you to departing members for their dedication and service to our children, to our community, and public education!



Jo Anne Antonacci  
District Superintendent  
Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES



Brian Bartalo  
Superintendent  
Holley CSD



Dr. Lori Orolagio  
Superintendent  
Churchville-Chili CSD



Jo Anne Antonacci at the podium.  
This time to celebrate the  
retirement of MCSBA Executive  
Director Sherry Johnson.



Lori Orolagio at the 2024 Legislative Breakfast.



Jo Anne Antonacci sharing the work of ACT  
for Education at the Legislative Breakfast.



Brian Bartalo presenting to Information Exchange on Holley's pilot  
experience with the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness.

# Retirements

| School District   | Name                 |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Brockport         | Kathy Robertson      |
| Churchville-Chili | Dr. Cheryl Repass    |
| Fairport          | Peter Forsgren       |
| Greece            | Tammy Flores         |
| Greece            | Sherita Traywick     |
| Holley            | Brian McKeon         |
| Holley            | Anne Smith           |
| Kendall           | Chaley Swift*        |
| Penfield          | Catherine Dean       |
| Penfield          | Mark Elledge         |
| Spencerport       | Gary Bracken         |
| Spencerport       | Leah Brown           |
| Victor            | Elizabeth Mitchell   |
| Webster           | Jennifer Birdsong-Ng |
| Webster           | Shanna LaDelfa       |
| West Irondequoit  | Justin Connor        |
| West Irondequoit  | Matt Metras          |
| West Irondequoit  | Rosa Vargas-Cronin   |
| Wheatland-Chili   | Cindy Dawson         |
| Wheatland-Chili   | Kim Snyder*          |

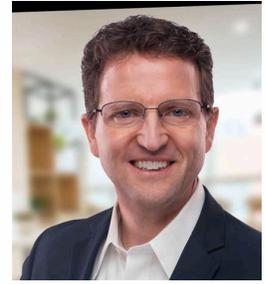
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Cindy Dawson  
Wheatland-Chili

# Monroe County School Boards Association

## 55th Annual Meeting

### Agenda



|         |                                |  |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|
| 5:30 PM | Social Time                    |  |
| 5:45 PM | Music Showcase                 |  |
| 6:15 PM | Dinner                         |  |
| 7:00 PM | Annual Business Meeting        |  |
| 7:00 PM | Welcome and Introductions      | Matt Metras, MCSBA President                                       |
|         | Message from NYSSBA            | Barry Entwistle, Director of Member Relations                      |
|         | ACT for Education Update       | Jo Anne Antonacci, District Superintendent, Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES |
|         | President's Remarks            | Matt Metras, MCSBA President                                       |
|         | Executive Director's Remarks   | Amy J. Thomas, MCSBA Executive Director                            |
|         | Recognition of Co-Chairs       | Amy J. Thomas, MCSBA Executive Director                            |
|         | Recognition of Retirees        | Amy J. Thomas, MCSBA Executive Director                            |
|         | Nominating Committee Report    | Amy West, MCSBA Past President                                     |
|         | Election of 2024-2025 Officers | Amy West, MCSBA Past President                                     |
|         | Remarks by President Elect     |  |
|         | Closing Remarks                | Matt Metras, MCSBA President                                       |
|         | Adjournment                    | Matt Metras, MCSBA President                                       |

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