



CURRICULUM COUNCIL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT CENTER @ SEQUOYA

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- 8:30 – 8:35 Welcome**..... Kate Davern,
Director, Educational Support Services, Eastern Suffolk BOCES
- 8:35 – 8:50 Staff and Curriculum Development Network (SCDN) Updates**
Kate Davern, Director, and, Dr. Krystle Hernandez-Barnett, Divisional Administrator,
Educational Support Services, ESBOCES
- 8:50 – 9:05 Centering Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education** Jachan Watkis,
Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity, ESBOCES
- 9:05 – 9:15 NYSED Updates**..... Dr. Jasmin Varela,
District Superintendent, ESBOCES
- 9:15 – 9:45 Comsewogue’s Portrait of a Graduate**
Dr. Jennifer Polychronakos, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and,
Tracie DeRosa, Director of Curriculum, Comsewogue School District
- 9:45 – 9:55 Table Discussion** All
- 9:55 – 10:10 Curricula and Instructional Technology Database Resource**
Vanessa Biagioli-Dittrich, Program Administrator, School Data Bank Services, ESBOCES
- 10:10 – 10:20 ESSA Accountability and Continuous Improvement Support Service & Resources**.....
Lauren Lewonka, Administrative Coordinator, School Data Bank Services, ESBOCES
- 10:20 – 10:25 Instructional Musical Instrument Service (IMIS)**..... Loretta Corbisiero-Drakos,
Program Administrator, Arts-in-Education, ESBOCES
- 10:25 – 10:30 Group Share**..... All

RESOURCES

- Eastern Suffolk BOCES Curriculum Council Webpage: <https://www.esboces.org/programs-services/ess/curriculum-council>
- Educational Support Services Newsletter, *The ESSENTIALS*: <https://www.esboces.org/programs-services/ess/the-essentials>
- New York State Education Department’s Standards and Instruction website: <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction>
- NYSED’s Newsletters: <http://www.nysed.gov/newsletters>

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