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MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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 2024-2025

Dennis Laba	President
Scott Adair	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



Dennis Laba



Scott Adair



Amy West



John Abbott



Amy Thomas, Amy West, John Abbott, Dennis Laba and Scott Adair



Tammy Gurowski, Nancy Pickering,
Amy Thomas and Sarah Pelusio

From Executive Director Amy J. Thomas



As the school year draws to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect on a year of meaningful progress and shared accomplishments at the Monroe County School Boards Association (MCSBA).

Collaboration remains at the core of MCSBA's mission, and this year, our collective efforts were stronger than ever. Our professional development programming addressed some of the most pressing and complex challenges facing school boards today—including evolving NYSED regulations, the zero-emissions bus initiative, FERPA updates, budgeting in a post-foundation aid landscape, student board representation, and the integration of agriculture into the classroom. One particularly memorable highlight was a hands-on butter-making activity—reminding us that whether we are in the boardroom or the barnyard, learning and growth can happen anywhere. These sessions were made possible by the expertise and generosity of our member district leaders, many of whom led presentations and discussions that enriched our programming and deepened its impact.

Our advocacy efforts gained momentum this year as well. From traveling to Albany and strengthening relationships with local Regents and legislators, to hosting our annual Legislative Breakfast—where students took center stage—we ensured that the voices of Monroe County's school districts were heard. We also expanded our outreach to federal elected officials, laying the groundwork for stronger, ongoing partnerships. We are especially grateful to our Legislative Liaison, Sarah Pelusio, whose insight, skill, and steadfast commitment continues to elevate this essential work.

The New York State budget, passed in early May, reflected several key priorities that MCSBA and its members actively advocated for throughout the year. Among the new statewide mandates, the budget includes a "bell-to-bell" distraction-free policy restricting student cell phone use during the school day, as well as the requirement for every public school district to include a student representative on its Board of Education by September 2025. The enacted budget fully funds Foundation Aid, with a \$1.43 billion increase—representing a 6% rise over the current year—and ensures a minimum 2% Foundation Aid increase for all districts. Additionally, the budget fully funds universal school meals, allocating \$340 million to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students statewide.

The budget also includes long-overdue increases to Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding by raising the BOCES aidable salary cap and expanding Special Services Aid. Reforms to the zero-emission school bus transition mandate continue, aimed at making the shift more manageable for districts. A two-year extension of the retiree earnings cap waiver was also approved, helping to address staffing shortages by allowing retired educators to return to work without financial penalty. Notably, the state has also initiated the process of reviewing and improving the Foundation Aid formula, marking the first step toward updating and improving how education funding is distributed to better reflect today's student needs and district realities. These investments and policy changes represent important progress for public education, and MCSBA will continue to engage with state leaders to support effective implementation.

Governor Hochul also acknowledged that ongoing federal aid reductions may require a special session later this year to revisit and potentially amend the budget. On the federal level, changes within the U.S. Department of Education have introduced new guidance and shifts in priorities, requiring districts to stay adaptable as they interpret and implement evolving policies. Through it all, MCSBA has remained focused on providing timely updates and advocacy to support our members through these transitions.

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This year also brought exciting changes and continued growth within our daily practices at MCSBA. We transitioned many of our events to The Strathallan, a move that received overwhelmingly positive feedback. Attendance reached record highs both in person and online, and new improvements—such as enhanced remote viewing for virtual attendees—ensured greater access and engagement. A key part of this successful transition was the behind-the-scenes coordination led by our Office Manager, Tammy Gurowski. Tammy worked closely with the venue's event coordinator to ensure that every detail—from food service to room setup—was executed seamlessly. Her attention to detail and steady communication helped create a welcoming, professional environment for every event.

Our Fall Law Conference featured a return visit from Daniel Morton-Bentley, General Counsel to Commissioner Betty Rosa, for another valuable session focused on recent Commissioner Decisions. Behind the scenes, Program Director Nancy Pickering led the way in streamlining and coordinating timely, relevant professional development opportunities. Under her leadership, our Spring District Clerk Conference reached its highest attendance yet—further boosted by the addition of a virtual option.

MCSBA's internal systems also continued to evolve. Our website is now a dynamic resource hub, offering timely updates, committee information, and on-demand video content. Internally, more efficient workflows have strengthened our ability to respond quickly and effectively—keeping us well-positioned for the future. Every improvement we made this year was rooted in our mission: to support public school leaders in their pursuit of an equitable, high-quality education for every student.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the Officers who make this work possible. We are deeply grateful to Dennis Laba, our outgoing President, for his service, humility, and personal engagement. Dennis has led with quiet strength and genuine care, always prioritizing relationships and fostering a sense of unity across our membership. We anticipate welcoming Scott Adair into the role of President and look forward to his thoughtful, strategic leadership in the year ahead. Scott brings a wealth of experience, a collaborative spirit, and a deep commitment to public education—all of which will serve MCSBA well as we continue to grow and evolve. Special thanks also to Treasurer John Abbott, who masterfully manages our finances. His steady hand, sharp financial insight, and good humor make him an invaluable part of our team—no matter the time zone or scenery. Immediate Past President (twice) Amy West remains an enduring source of inspiration for our organization. Her leadership, both past and present, continues to shape our work in meaningful ways.

This year has reinforced a powerful truth: while the landscape of public education continues to evolve, MCSBA is equipped not only to adapt—but to lead. Thank you for your ongoing partnership, passion, and commitment. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference—and we look forward to the opportunities ahead.

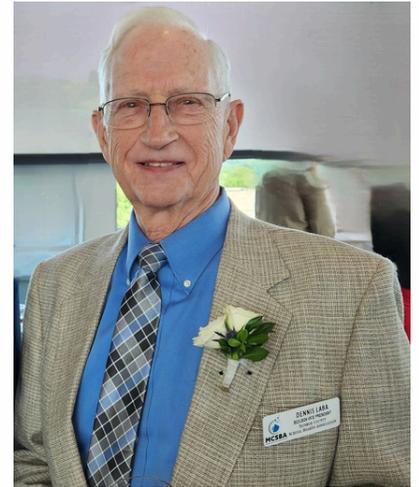
Wishing you a relaxing and well-deserved summer break filled with rest, joy, sunshine and time with family and friends!

*Cheers,
Amy*

From Outgoing President Dennis Laba

I want to begin by thanking each member of MCSBA for their support during my year as president. Each of you has proven the truth in the saying "the way to achieve your own success is to be willing to help somebody else get it first."

We went into this school year prepared to address complex topics. Many of these issues involve advocacy at the state and federal level. Our Legislative Committee Co-Chairs Karen Hatch and Sarah Pelusio spearheaded these efforts with enthusiasm and diplomacy. They have worked tirelessly to keep our members informed and prepared to connect with elected officials. Our annual trip to Albany and the MCSBA Legislative Breakfast are positive examples of their initiative and organizational skills.



Our many standing committees continue to do valuable work on behalf of our districts. Specifically, our Communications Outreach Advisory Committee led by Kathy Dillon and Kim McCluski drives our momentum forward. Outreach is vital to our association's success and something all board members do regularly. COAC's dedication to making sure our membership has the latest information and strategic thinking is much appreciated.

The District Operations Committee co-chaired by Tom Nepesca and Stephanie Templeton presented topics that we will continue to carry over into the next school year including foundation aid, cell phone use in our districts, electric school buses and other capital project matters.

I also want to acknowledge the work of our Information Exchange Co-Chairs Janice Fortuna and Jim Musshafen. We continued our efforts to keep board members up to date by conducting effective meetings, enforcing the Blue Ribbon Commission and working in compliance with the Education Rights and Privacy Act. With valuable support from our subcommittee and veteran board leaders, we continued with an approach that respects the autonomy of individual districts while providing support for new board members.

Under Amy Thomas's leadership, MCSBA continues to be recognized as a leading local school board association, known for delivering timely and relevant professional development to its members. Her team—Nancy Pickering, Sarah Pelusio, and Tammy Gurowski—provides essential and timely support that is critical to the success of MCSBA's programs and services. The coordination required for each standing committee meeting, presentation, law conference, district clerk conference, and board governance and fiscal training reflects a tremendous investment of time and effort.

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The MCSBA team's diligence in responding to the Governor's mandate to include student voice at board of education tables this fall—and their work to develop a summer training program for student representatives—is especially commendable. Additionally, the opportunity to connect with members during our two social hours has proven to be a valuable asset to the organization.

I cannot forget to thank the officers of the association, who have attended more than 80 meetings this year. Scott Adair has been wonderful to work with, and John Abbott has been a reliable help in navigating the complexities of financial challenges for all districts. I deeply appreciate Amy West for her service as past president, and I send her a huge thank you as I end my term.

Lastly, I must extend my sincere thanks to Dr. Tom Putnam, District Superintendent of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, for his steady support and thoughtful counsel throughout this year. His guidance has been invaluable to me in navigating the responsibilities of my dual role as BOCES 2 Board President and President of the Monroe County School Boards Association.

I have always valued my time serving as a school board member. As you all know, it can be a heavy responsibility, but it also provides great satisfaction and pride. As I reflect on the past year in the presidency, I have a new perspective on the extraordinary talent we have assembled in the Monroe County School Boards Association. Your commitment to service is appreciated and the work you do is essential for the ones who matter most: our students.

It has been my honor and privilege.

Dennis Laba
MCSBA President

Executive Committee 2024-2025

MCSBA Officers

MCSBA	Amy Thomas	Executive Director
MCSBA	Dennis Laba	President
MCSBA	Scott Adair	Vice President
MCSBA	John Abbott	Treasurer
MCSBA	Past President	Amy West
District	Superintendent	Board President
BOCES 1	Dan White	Kim McCluski
BOCES 2	Tom Putnam	Dennis Laba
Brighton	Kevin McGowan	Larry Davis
Brockport	Sean Bruno	Robert Lewis
Churchville-Chili	Carmine Peluso	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	Jeremy Smalline	Sean McCabe
Hilton	Casey Kosiorek	Mark Hilburger
Holley	Karri Schiavone	Anne Winkley
Honeoye Falls-Lima	Gene Mancuso	Caralyn Ross
Kendall	Nicholas Picardo	Rachel Fiskien
Penfield	Tasha Potter	Emily Roberts
Pittsford	Michael Pero	Robin Scott
RCSD	Demario Strickland	Camille Simmons
Rush-Henrietta	Barbara Mullen	Scott Adair
Spencerport	Ty Zinkiewich	Lori Stone
Victor	Tim Terranova	Tim DeLucia
Webster	Brian Neenan	Janice Richardson
West Irondequoit	Aaron Johnson	Matthew Sullivan
Wheatland-Chili	Lynda Quick	Jim Musshafen

MCSBA Steering Committee 2024-2025

Title	Name	District
Executive Director	Amy Thomas	
MCSBA President	Dennis Laba	
MCSBA Vice President	Scott Adair	
MCSBA Treasurer	John Abbott	
MCSBA Past President	Amy West	
District Superintendent, BOCES 1	Dan White	Monroe One BOCES
District Superintendent, BOCES 2	Tom Putnam	Monroe 2-Orleans BOCE
MCCOSS	Chris Dailey	Gates Chili
ACT for Education	Mary Grow	East Irondequoit
COAC Co-Chair	Kathy Dillon	Churchville-Chili/BOCES 2
COAC Co-Chair	Kim McCluski	BOCES 1
District Operations Committee Co-Chair	Tom Nespeca	BOCES 1
District Operations Committee Co-Chair	Stephanie Templeton	Honeoye Falls-Lima
Information Exchange Committee Co-Chair	Janice Fortuna	Fairport
Information Exchange Committee Co-Chair	Jim Musshafen	Wheatland-Chili
Legislative Committee Co-Chair	Karen Hatch	Brighton
Legislative Committee Co-Chair	Sarah Pelusio	Pittsford
Ad Hoc Member	Larry Davis	Brighton

Community Connections

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

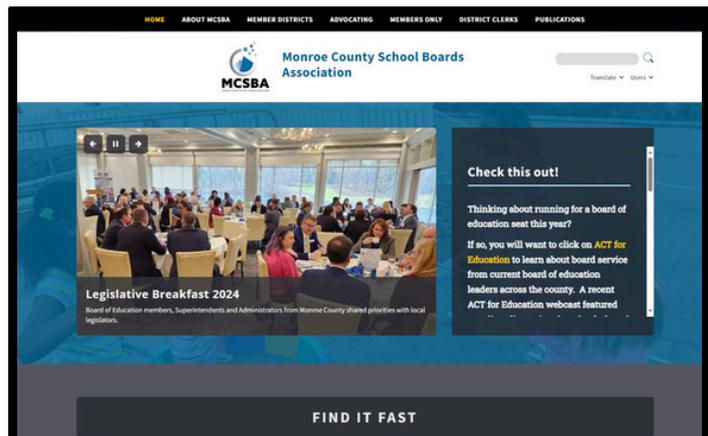
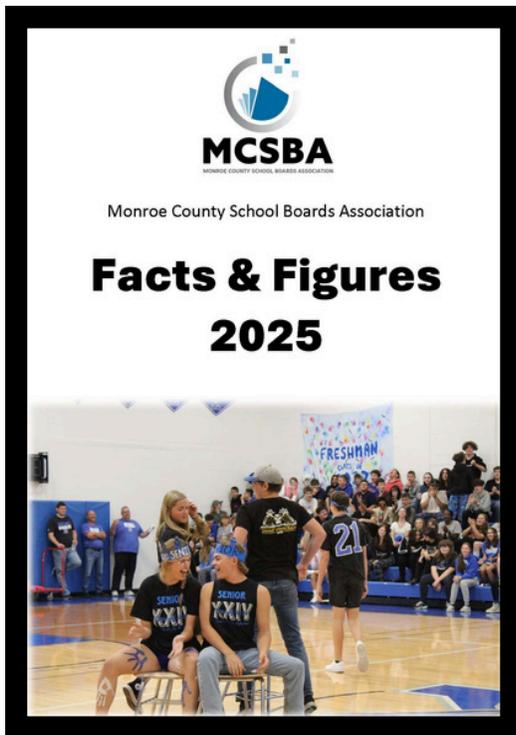
Facts & Figures is an informational booklet filled with updated information on the 23 school districts of Monroe County. Local realtors utilize this important resource.

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.



Conferences and Seminars



MCSBA Board Governance Training



School Attorney Laura Purcell, of Bond, Schoeneck & King, presents to District Clerks on March 27, 2025.



District Clerk Conference held at the Strathallan Century Club on October 17, 2024.



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



Tom Zuber, CPA at Mengel Metzger & Barr, discusses the audit function of a school board.



Board Governance 2024 Panel: Dennis Laba, Scott Adair, Amy West, Sarah Pelusio, Shanna Fraser and Sherita Traywick.

School Law Conferences

The Fall School Law Conference, held at the Country Club of Rochester, featured a conversation with SED General Counsel Daniel Morton-Bentley on *A Look Back at the Commissioner's Decisions*. Other sessions included *Avoiding the Pitfalls of Social Media* and *Understanding the School Board's Role in Special Education*.



Sara Visingard, Bond, Schoeneck & King with Daniel Morton-Bentley, NYS SED General Counsel



Allison Marley, Ferrara Fiorenza
Lynda VanCoske, Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES



Colleen Heinrich, Ferrara Fiorenza and Anne McGinnis, Bond, Schoeneck & King

The Spring 2024 School Law Conference, held at the Genesee Valley Club, included *Hot Issues with FOIL and FERPA*, *Understanding the School Board's Role in Governance*, and *Navigating the Dynamic between Federal and State Law*.



Sara Colacino, Bond, Schoeneck & King and Michael Leone, Ferrara Fiorenza



Lindsay Plantholt, Ferrara Fiorenza and Jennifer Schwartzott, Bond, Schoeneck & King



Ryan Everhart and Lindsay Menasco of Hodgson Russ Attorneys

Information Exchange Committee



Jim Musshafen and Janice Fortuna

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.

New York State Department of Labor - Educator Career Development Ambassador Program

Louis DiCesare, Business Teacher, West Irondequoit High School
Andrea Compo, Monroe One BOCES, School Counselor
Robert Friske, Greece, Business Teacher
Jessica Hosier, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Special Education Teacher
Mark Mutton, Brockport, Business Teacher
Bri Reyes, East Irondequoit, School Library Media Specialist
Laura Robinson, RCSD, Library Media Specialist



Roundtable - Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

Amy Thomas, Executive Director, MCSBA

Cornell Cooperative Extension Monroe County Programs & Initiatives: Agriculture in the Classroom; Nutrition Education; and Farm to School Program

Andrea M. Lista, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension MC
Leslie Pude, AITC Coordinator/4-H Youth Development Interim Program Director



Current SED Initiatives: Blue Ribbon Commission and Regionalization

Dan White, District Superintendent, Monroe One BOCES
Tom Putnam, District Superintendent, Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES

Building Better Barriers: How FERPA and Education Law 2-d Protect Student Data

Ryan L. Everhart & Lindsay A. Menasco, Partners, Hodgeson Russ LLP

Conducting an Effective Meeting

Colleen W. Heinrich, Esq., Ferrara Fiorenza PC

Student Representation on the Board of Education

Sara E. Colacino, Member, Labor & Employment/School Law, Bond, Schoeneck & King Attorneys

Information Exchange Committee

2024-2025

Co-Chairs

Janice Fortuna & Jim Musshafen

BOCES 1	Lisa Latten, Kim McCluski, Nancy Semal, Scott Covell, Amy West
BOCES 2	John Abbott, Dennis Laba, Trina Lorentz, Tom Putnam
Brighton	Carrilyn Bertino, Eleanor Oi
Brockport	Terry Carbone
Churchville-Chili	Jonathan Payne
East Irondequoit	Jill Ricci, Patricia Storm
East Rochester	Patrick Flanagan, Jim Haugh, Jenalee Herb
Fairport	Janice Fortuna, Nicole Thibault
Gates Chili	Frank Muscato
Greece	Jeremy Smalline, Jordan Stenzel
Hilton	Kaylee Bennett, Kristine Price
Honeoye Falls-Lima	David Francis, Lynley Guckian, Chris Neff, Caralyn Ross, Carol Bellavia
Kendall	Colleen Dorney, Lisa Levett
Penfield	Tasha Potter
Pittsford	Kim Huels, Emily Kay, Sarah Pelusio
RCSD	Jacqueline Griffin
Rush-Henrietta	Scott Adair, Shanie Keelean, Rachel Sherman
Spencerport	Marsha Hinman, Jonathan Schallmo
Victor	Tim DeLucia, Lisa Kostecki
Webster	Carole Barnabas, Maria Cortes, Michele Lowes, Brian Neenan
West Irondequoit	Vicky Bournival, Matt Sullivan
Wheatland-Chili	Jim Musshafen, Courtney Panek
MCCOSS Representative	Tasha Potter, Ty Zinkiewich

District Operations Committee



Co-Chairs
Tom Nespeca and Stephanie Templeton

The name of the Labor Relations Committee changed to District Operations Committee to account for the various departments impacted by BOE decisions. Led by Tom Nespeca (Monroe One BOCES) and Stephanie Templeton (Honeoye Falls-Lima), the committee continued with a full sequence of programming.



Cell Phone Use in Our Schools: Policy, Strategy & Implementation

Kathy Graupman, Superintendent, Greece CSD

Mike Zaffuts, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement & Educational Services

Kelly Flagler, Principal, Athena High School

Rochester Area School Health Plan II (RASHP II)

Scott Covell, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services, Monroe One BOCES

Charles McLaughlin, Area Vice President, Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.

Monroe County Board of Elections - New Voting Machines

Monroe County Board of Elections

Commissioners Peter Elder & Jackie Ortiz



NY State Electric School Bus Initiative Programs & Resources

Christina Ficicchia, Manager, Clean Energy Policy

Krystal Alba, Lead Analyst, Clean Energy Policy

Michael Jachles, Lead Analyst, Clean Energy Policy

Mike Bangert-Drowns, Project Manager, NYSERDA, Clean Transportation

School Budgeting in the Post Foundation Aid and Federal COVID Funds Era

Michael Vespi, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Pittsford CSD

Capital Projects in Challenging Times: Planning & Protection Strategies from the Pros

Mark Esposito, President, Campus Construction Management Group

Jason Hannon, Director of Project Development, Campus CMG

Tracy Thomas, Director of Business Development, Campus CMG

Matthew Stevens, Assistant Superintendent of Management Services, Monroe One BOCES

Jason Schwartz, President, Bernard P. Donegan, Inc.

District Operations Committee

2024-2025

Co-Chairs

Tom Nespeca & Stephanie Templeton

BOCES 1	Bryan Buttram, Scott Covell, Kim McCluski, Maureen Nupp, Amy West
BOCES 2	John Abbott, Kathy Dillon, Dennis Laba, Tom Putnam
Brighton	Larry Davis
Brockport	Sean Bruno, Jerilee Gulino
Churchville-Chili	Kevin Johnson
East Irondequoit	Patricia Storm, Carol Watt
East Rochester	Jim Haugh, Jenalee Herb
Fairport	Janice Fortuna, Rich Mueller, Doug Lauf
Gates Chili	Michaela Perrotto, Tanya Srbnovski
Greece	Megan Ferra, Jennifer Hendrickson, Gina Larsen, Bill Maloney, Jeremy Smalline
Hilton	Kaylee Bennett, Ned Dale, Kristine Price, Stephanie Sloan
Honeoye Falls-Lima	Dave Leahy, Chris Neff
Kendall	Rachel Fiskien, Bryan Hardenbrook
Penfield	Daniel Driffill, Steve Kenny, Tasha Potter
Pittsford	Dave Berk, Kim Huels, Emily Kay, Sarah Pelusio
RCSD	Amy Maloy
Rush-Henrietta	Scott Adair, Kim DeLardge, Barbara Mullen, Casey van Harssel
Spencerport	Michael Miceli, Megan Sarkis, Ty Zinkiewich
Victor	Tim DeLucia, Elizabeth Mitchell
Webster	Linda Dioguardi, Brian Freeman, Dave Swinson
West Irondequoit	Michelle Cramer, Brenna Farrell, Aaron Johnson, Matt Sullivan, John Vay
Wheatland-Chili	Courtney Panek, Lynda Quick
MCCOSS Representative	Kathy Graupman

Legislative Committee



Co-Chairs
Karen Hatch and 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.



Meeting with Congressman Morelle in Washington, DC. Mai Abdullah (RH), Joe Morelle, Barbara Mullen (RH), Amy Thomas (MCSBA), John Daley (NYSSBA) and Sarah Pelusio (MCSBA).



Regent Norwood speaks with the Legislative Committee.



Senator Samra Brouk at the Legislative Breakfast 2025.



Meeting of the Legislative Committee

Legislative Committee

2024-2025

Co-Chairs

Karen Hatch & Sarah Pelusio

BOCES 1	Margaret Burns, Lisa Latten, Kim McCluski, Tom Nespeca, Maureen Nupp, Amy West
BOCES 2	John Abbott, Dennis Laba, Tom Putnam
Brighton	Karen Hatch, Christina Lee
Churchville-Chili	Michelle Aloï, Kathy Dillon
East Irondequoit	Kim Lasher, Jill Ricci
East Rochester	Vincent Antonicelli
Fairport	Erica Belois-Pacer, Brian Moritz
Gates Chili	Tanya Srbnovski
Greece	Megan Ferra, Mary Lyke, Jeremy Smalline
Hilton	Kristine Price
Honeoye Falls-Lima	Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross
Kendall	Rachel Fiskén, David Warren
Penfield	Nicole Doyley, Daniel Driffill, Aaliyah El-Amin-Turner, Tasha Potter
Pittsford	Kim Huels, Emily Kay
RCSD	Isaiah Santiago, Camille Simmons
Rush-Henrietta	Mai Abdullah, Scott Adair
Spencerport	Leah Brown, Lori Stone
Victor	Tim DeLucia, Adam Snyder
Webster	Linda Dioguardi, Brian Freeman, Erin Land
West Irondequoit	Kate Copeland, Matt Sullivan, Tamara Wall
Wheatland-Chili	Adria Callery, Shanna Fraser
MCCOSS Representative	Aaron Johnson, Gene Mancuso, Barbara Mullen, Lynda Quick

Legislative Breakfast 2025



Wheatland-Chili BOE members Stephanie Ely, Jim Musshafen and Heather Worner with Tom Putnam (B2).



Legislators heard from students, pictured with their Superintendents: RCSD, Fairport, Gates Chili, Spencerport and Honeoye Falls-Lima.



Assemblyperson Harry Bronson



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



Legislative Committee Co-Chairs Karen Hatch and Sarah Pelusio with Brighton CSD Superintendent Kevin McGowan



Regent Adrian Hale



Assemblymember Andrea Bailey

NYSSBA Annual Conference



John Abbott and Mary Grow of East Irondequoit with Marg Burns of Monroe One BOCES at the NYSSBA Law Conference.



Fairport Board Members Janice Fortuna, Nicole Thibault and Mary Caitlin Wight.



From left to right, B. Bryan Buttram (B1), Janice Richardson (Webster), Erin Land (Webster), Marg Burns (B1), Linda Dioguardi (Webster) and Brian Neenan (Webster).



Superintendents Carmine Peluso (Churchville-Chili), Brett Provenzano (Fairport) with MCSBA Legislative Liaison Sarah Pelusio.

MCSBA Advocacy Trip to Albany

March 3, 2025

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 a NYSSBA representative.



MCSBA members and Superintendents received an update on NYSSBA activities from Deputy Director of Governmental and External Relations Caroline Bobick.



For the second year, MCSBA members traveled by Amtrak to Albany and took a shuttle bus to Congressional offices.



Meeting with Sarah Pattee, Associate Counsel, Minor Counsel/Program.

MCSBA Member Activities



Jill Ricci, Mary Grow and Kimberly Lasher of East Irondequoit.



Linda Dioguardi, Brian Neenan and Carole Barnabas of Webster.



Sarah Pelusio (Pittsford), Kim McCluski (B1), Lisa Latten (B1) and Amy Thomas.



Barry Entwistle, NYSSBA Chief Member Relations & Business Development Officer with Tom Nespeca (B1).



Anne Winkley & Trina Lorentz of Holley



James Patterson (RCSD) and Kristine Price (Hilton).



Tammy Gurowski (MCSBA) and Jill Ricci (East Irondequoit).



Amy Thomas (MCSBA), Mike Pero (Pittsford) and Matt Sullivan (West Irondequoit).

MCSBA Member Activities



The MCSBA School Attorneys Group meet on a monthly basis and present at committee meetings and the School Law Conferences.



Kathy Graupman (Greece), Mary Caitlin Wight (Fairport) and Sean McCabe (Greece).



Kim McCluski, Dan White and Lisa Latten (B1)



Brockport administrators Sean Bruno, Ryan Lanigan and Jerilee Gulino at the Fall Law Conference.



Amy Thomas with Victor Board members Tim DeLucia, Kristin Elliott and Elizabeth Mitchell.



Vicky Bournival (West Iron), Kimberly Lasher (East Iron) and Melissa Bohrer (West Iron).

MCSBA Member Activities



Capital Project presentation by Campus Construction at the District Operations Committee meeting.



Charles McLaughlin (Gallagher) and Scott Covell (B1) provide a RASHP II Update.



Amy Thomas welcoming attendees to the Fiscal Training Seminar in October, 2024.



Janice Richardson, Carole Barnabas and Linda Dioguardi of Webster.



NY State Electric School Bus Initiative Programs and Resources Avangrid with Stephanie Templeton (HFL) and Amy West (B1).



Superintendents at the Legislative Breakfast Carmine Peluso (Churchville-Chili), Casey Kosiorek (Hilton) and Ty Zinkewich (Spencerport).



Christina Lee (Brighton), Camille Simmons (RCSD) and Tammy Gurowski (MCSBA).



Katie Coffee (Gates Chili) and Dennis Laba (B2).

MCSBA Member Activities



Brian Freeman (Webster), John Abbott (East Iron) and Lou Alaimo (Brighton) at the Fall Law Conference.



Governor Hochul's Regional Representative Jacob Gilbert-Mahoney with Dan White (B1).



Amy Thomas and Laura Purcell at the District Clerk Conference.



Regent Hale with Carl Parris, RCSD Director of Youth Engagement & Cultural Relations at the Legislative Breakfast 2025.



Lisa Latten and Tom Nespeca (B1).



Pittsford BOE Members Robin Scott, Emily Kay, Kim Huels and Sarah Pelusio.

Retirements

Thank you to departing members for their dedication and service to our children, to our community, and public education! Lynda Quick has served as the Superintendent for Wheatland-Chili CSD since 2020 and has worked in the field of education for over 30 years. Dan White has served as the District Superintendent for Monroe One BOCES since 2009. Kathy Graupman served as the Superintendent for the Greece CSD beginning in 2015.



Dan White, District Superintendent, Monroe One BOCES
Lynda Quick, Esq., Superintendent, Wheatland-Child CSD



Kathy Graupman retired in December, 2024 as the Superintendent of the Greece CSD.



Retirements

School District	Name
Brighton	Eleanor Oi
Churchville-Chili	Thomas Albano
Gates Chili	Frank Muscato
Greece	Megan Ferra
Greece	Terry Melore
Hilton	Therese Flannery
Holley	Anne Winkley
Penfield	Nicole Doyley
RCSD	Cynthia Elliott
RCSD	James Patterson
Webster	Charlie Roods
District Clerks	
Greece	Debra Sabocheck
Webster	Maureen Goodberlet



Eleanor Oi
Brighton



Thomas Albano
Churchville-Chili



Frank Muscato
Gates Chili



Megan Ferra
Greece



Terry Melore
Greece



Therese Flannery
Hilton



Anne Winkley
Holley



Nicole Doyley
Penfield



Cynthia Elliott
RCSD



James Patterson
RCSD



Charlie Roods
Webster



Monroe County School Boards Association 56th Annual Meeting - Agenda

5:30 PM	Social Time	
6:15 PM	Dinner	
7:00 PM	Annual Business Meeting	
7:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions	Dennis Laba, MCSBA President
	Message from NYSSBA	Barry Entwistle, Director of Member Relations
	ACT for Education Update	Mary Grow, Superintendent, East Irondequoit CSD
	President's Remarks	Dennis Laba, MCSBA President
	Executive Director's Remarks	Amy J. Thomas, MCSBA Executive Director
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	Recognition of Retirees	Amy J. Thomas, MCSBA Executive Director
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