

30 Milton Street  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
February 2026

Ms. Falon Derion  
District Clerk, Sweet Home CSD  
1901 Sweet Home Rd  
Amherst, NY 14228

Dear Ms. Derion:

I am a candidate for re-election to the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education, and I am requesting your support in this year's election.

My background and qualifications are as follows:

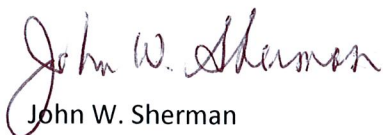
- Education – B.A. in Biology, Ed.M. in Secondary Education from the University of Buffalo.
- Professional – Professor Emeritus of Biology and Department Chair at ECC, served as Middle States Evaluator for colleges in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Puerto Rico.
- Member of the Foundation Board of the Northtown Boys and Girls Club, Member of the Board of Directors of Fox Run CCRC, Co-Chair for Wyatt's Walk for Type I SMA, Former Executive Director of the City of Tonawanda Youth Board, Former Coach for youth baseball, softball and basketball.
- Public Education Service – Served on the City of Tonawanda School Board from 1971–1984 and 1987–1994 and was President for seven years. I have served on the Erie 1 BOCES Board since 1981 and have served as President. Served on several committees of the Erie County Association of School Boards.

It has been an honor to serve on the Erie 1 BOCES Board for over forty years. I am proud of the many accomplishments that have occurred in Erie I and the component districts during that time. I am particularly interested in continuing to meet the needs of all level students in the component districts be they special education, career education, alternative education or technology as they are identified by the component districts. I will continue to strive to make the services of Erie 1 BOCES the most efficient and cost-effective means of educational opportunity for our students.

In closing, I would like to ask for a nomination and vote by your Board for the Erie 1 vacancy in this election. Nominations should be forwarded to the BOCES District Clerk no later than March 20, 2026.

We will be holding our Annual Meeting on April 15, 2026, and the vote is scheduled for April 21, 2026.

Sincerely,



John W. Sherman

cc: Superintendent