

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:

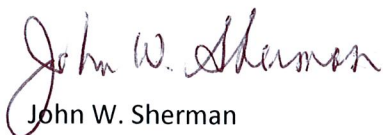
- Education – B.A. in Biology, Ed.M. in Secondary Education from the University of Buffalo.
- Professional – Professor Emeritus of Biology and Department Chair at ECC, served as Middle States Evaluator for colleges in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Puerto Rico.
- Member of the Foundation Board 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

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January 29, 2026

Ms. Falon Derion
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Re: Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education Nomination

Dear Fellow Board of Education Members:

Today more than ever, Erie 1 BOCES realizes the need to offer professional services for students, teachers and support staff and stands ready to meet those needs. I have proudly served as an Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education Member for the past twenty-four years, and I would like to continue my service to the nineteen component school districts that comprise Erie 1 BOCES.

In addition to serving on the Erie 1 Board I previously served as a member of the Frontier Central Board of Education for twenty-five years. I believe my service with Frontier helped to shape my perspective on the needs of local districts and the commonality that connects us all. Erie 1 BOCES is always striving to provide the best quality service to its component districts, as well as greater opportunities for our students.

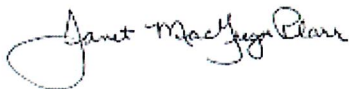
Erie 1 BOCES relationship with your district is a partnership that continues to grow through hard work and cooperation. Our vocation-technical skills program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce. Erie 1 BOCES has also completed, and works tirelessly to pursue, numerous Articulation Agreements with colleges throughout New York State, to provide greater opportunities to students who pursue post-secondary education.

During this time of significant reform, it is imperative that BOCES work with and support our component districts so that *all* students can succeed. BOCES support includes such activities as: staff development, integration of technology for instruction and management, instructional programs for students, and policy, finance and legislation services. Our collaborative efforts also reach out to community agencies that are able to serve our students and the communities in which they live.

With your support I can continue my efforts to ensure that Erie 1 provides the highest quality of service to meet the needs of our students and staff. I am respectfully requesting your support in the form of a nomination and vote by your Board of Education. Nominations must be forwarded to the BOCES District Clerk no later than March 20, 2026. I encourage you to attend the Erie 1 BOCES Annual meeting on April 15, 2026. The meeting will be held at the Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, located at 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, New York at 6:00 pm. The Erie 1 BOCES Administrative Budget Vote and Election will take place in your district on April 21, 2026.

Thank you for your time, your consideration and your continued service to public education.

Very truly yours,



Janet MacGregor Plarr

cc: District Superintendent
District Clerk