

Points of Pride



October 13, 2026



NYS Board of Regents Update

Policy Transition Overview

The New York State Board of Regents approved a motion to sunset Regents exam requirements and transition to a single high school diploma beginning with the Class of 2028, aligning with the *NY Inspires* initiative.

Regents exams will remain available for students to earn specialized seals or endorsements, but passing them will no longer be required to graduate.

To meet federal ESSA requirements in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies, SED intends to develop new high school assessments designed specifically for accountability.

Key Operational Consideration

Potential for double-testing if students take both a Regents exam for an endorsement and the new ESSA assessment in the same subject.

February

Draft regulatory amendments presented to the Board of Regents.

Spring

Mandatory 60-day public comment period.

June

Expected final vote and regulatory approval.

Class of 2028

First graduating cohort under the single-diploma structure without Regents exam requirements.



Learning and Achievement For All

QMB Annual Cavalcade of Bands

Event Date

Oct 24, 2026

Schedule

All Day

Location

OPHS Turf Field



Family and Community Engagement

Community Resource Fair

Date & Time

Oct 21, 2026

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location

West Elementary School

[1397 Center Rd, West Seneca](#)

Hosted By

West Seneca CSD & SEPTSA

About the Event

Free & Inclusive Community Event

Open to anyone in Western New York

Showcasing a wide variety of regional support services, specialized guidance, and networking opportunities for families, staff, and students alike.



Family and Community Engagement

Calendar / Meeting Reminders

Nov 11

Veteran's Day

No School

Nov 13

**Elem & Middle
Half Day**

Dismissal Times:

**Middle School
10:40 AM**

**Elementary
11:40 AM**

Nov 13

**High School
Early
Dismissal**

Dismissal
Time:

12:50 PM

Nov 17

**Board of
Education
Meeting**

Location:

**High School
Auditorium**

7 PM



Orchard Park Central School District

OPHS Counselor Named SUNY College Access Ambassador

Congratulations to our very own Orchard Park High School counselor Dr. Annemarie Cervoni, who has been selected as one of 14 inaugural SUNY College Access Ambassadors from across New York State.

The new College Access Ambassadors program recognizes high school counselors who are doing exceptional work helping students and families navigate the college admissions and financial aid process. Selected from a competitive pool of more than 125 applicants, the inaugural ambassadors represent counselors from school districts across the state.



OPHS Athletes Give Back

Throughout the month of September, Orchard Park Fall athletes supported local families by raising \$3,929 to help P.U.N.T. Fifteen teams participated in Gold Games, lacing up their shoes with yellow laces and fundraised at games, presenting a check alongside Buffalo Bills player Dawson Knox, at the Varsity Football game.



Positive Climate and Culture

Board of Education Recognition Week, October 12-16, 2026



Board of Education 2026-2027



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