

TST Weekly Bulletin

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School Improvement Services

Leading and supporting school communities in their efforts to provide the best possible learning environment for all students.



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FOCUS OF THE WEEK

This week, let's talk with our colleagues about the reasons we have each chosen to work in the field of education. What were our hopes and dreams when we first started and what are they now?

NEWS & NOTES

Regional Demonstration Classrooms

This professional learning opportunity includes a pre-observation meeting followed by a post-observation meeting with a Demonstration Classroom Teacher. Visitors will observe and discuss how Learning Targets, Criteria for Success and Formative Assessment Practices are used throughout the lesson. To view all of the different options click [here](#).

FOR TEACHERS

Summer (2017) CDOS Curriculum Development Opportunity

Program Development Grant to Prepare Students with Disabilities to Exit with Work readiness Skills (CDOS Grant) has money to fund summer (2017) curriculum projects addressing any of the following Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Standards. Read more [here](#).

Participants will be asked to send a sign up through MyLearningPlan, submit a brief proposal and submit final product prior to reimbursement. Participants will be paid the BOCES rate for time on task – (10 hours maximum per person. Proposals due to Michelle Pronti, Building D, TST BOCES by **June 15, 2017**. For more information, take a look at [this flier](#).

NYSCRS Resources

Have you considered using the data tools, resources and research available through [The New York State Center for Rural Schools](#) with your students? The NYSCRS “aims to be a leader in solving systemic problems and improving opportunities, practice and policy for rural schools and the communities they serve. The Center is working with partners to assist rural communities in (re)creating themselves as socially and economically vibrant communities across NYS.”

Barnes & Noble Educator Services

Check out [this flier](#) for information about some of the services Barnes & Noble provides educators.

Quote of the Week

“We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity.”
-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

THERE'S MORE ↓

FOR PRINCIPALS

Critical Friends Group Coaches Training for Principals, Administrators and Educational Leaders

We are bringing the National School Reform Faculty Critical Friends Group Coaches training to the TST BOCES region this summer and fall. We will run the first 3-days this summer, followed by 2 days in the fall. The dates are as follows: August 15, 16, 17 and October 10, 11. There are only a few spaces left, so sign up now if you are interested. Take a look at [this flier](#) for more information. Sign up here for both the summer sessions and the fall sessions.

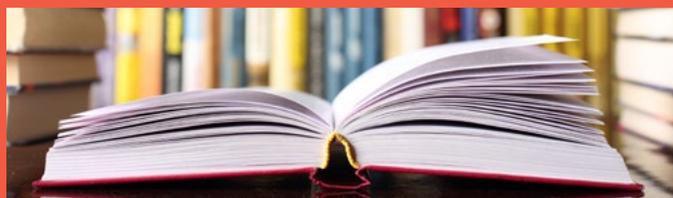
[Student-led Conferences - click here](#)

[Google Docs Resources - click here](#)

LINKS, ARTICLES & BOOKS

- *Using Teacher Effectiveness Data for Information-Rich Hiring*, Crawford 2017.
- Race and Reunion – The Civil War in American Memory, Blight 2001.
- [Turning Coders into Computational Thinkers](#)
- [What if Mathematics is the Answer for Progress](#)

Contact Barry if you would like to borrow a book or article



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Regional Demonstration Classroom Professional Learning Experience

Do you want to see colleagues throughout the TST BOCES region teach? This professional learning opportunity includes a pre-observation meeting followed by a post observation meeting with a Demonstration Classroom Teacher. Visitors will observe and discuss how Learning Targets, Criteria for Success and Formative Assessment Practices are used throughout the lesson. Sign up and find more information in mlp. Upon registration you will be contacted by the facilitator.

Grade 5 ELA - May 12, 8 – 11:30 a.m.

[sign up in mlp](#)

Grade 4 ELA - May 12, 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.

[sign up in mlp](#)

Grade 6 Science - May 15, 8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

[sign up in mlp](#)

Grade 9 ELA - May 16, 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

[sign up in mlp](#)

Offered by other organizations and/or our consultants

Educator Wellness: *Calm is My Super Power*, Facilitated by Andrea Rennie

3 - 4:15 p.m. | May 4, 11, 18 and 25

A happy, healthy educator is an effective educator. This study group will create a supportive community that learns and applies holistic strategies to reduce and manage stress and explore the guiding question: "How does my wellness impact my students?" Topics will include breathing techniques, meditation, and nutritional strategies, with specific sessions created out of the group's needs and interest. Learn to activate your body's relaxation response, practice the "pause" before responding, make clear decisions and live happier and healthier lives. Come relax, feel good and make calm your super power. This is open to all teachers, school specialists (social workers, psychologists, speech therapists, etc.) and administrators.

Sign up for the first session now in [mlp](#).

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