

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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During the summer, the TST School Improvement Services Weekly Bulletin will be sent out on a bi-weekly basis.

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

This week, as we begin to feel summertime, let's open up our minds and think about some possibilities for next school year that require a bit of dreaming. Giving ourselves space to think like this opens up our creativity.

NEWS & NOTES

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Assessment and Evaluation Workgroups to Explore Current New York State Requirements and Best Practices for Teacher and Principal Evaluation. RFP 17-033 is posted at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/comprocontracts/comprocontracts.html>. A questions and answers summary will be posted by July 3, 2017.

All bids are due by 3:00 PM on July 14, 2017.

Click [here](#) for information on data tools for reporting end of year data including graduation pathway. Tools include: EOY SIRS Data Certification Matrix, L2RPT, Diploma requirements (chart), appeal summary form (link), Superintendent Determinations (memo), and Pathways to Graduation examples (memo). New Tools include: New SIRS L1 Reasonableness Reports, New Graduation Exam Requirements Summary and Detail Reports.

Check out the details about [Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens](#) under 18! in Newfield, Ithaca, Groton, and Dryden.

FOR TEACHERS

[5 Tips for Taking Advantage of Twitter Over the Summer](#)

[Black Left Student Radicalism of the 1970s: The February First Movement](#)

[Computer Science for All Teacher/Classroom Resources](#)

[The Right Question Institute – Video Resources](#)

LINKS, ARTICLES & BOOKS

[When We Fight We Win – Twenty First Century Social Movements That Are Transforming Our World](#)
- Jobin-Leeds & AgitArte

[Wharf Talk, Home Talk, and School Talk: The Politics of Language in a Coastal Community](#)
- Michael Corbett

[Ella Fitzgerald - Summertime](#)

[Billie Holiday – Summertime](#)

THERE'S MORE ↓

Contact Barry
to borrow a book or article

Quote of the Week

“There is no growth and no learning in fear of failure. If you take away a person's right to fail, you take away her right to succeed. Schools are about growth, learning – and success...they exist to promote profound levels of human learning” (Roland S. Barth)

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Offered through our folks here at TST BOCES

Looking for more PD opportunities?

Click [here](#) to access the PD catalog online.

Summer Unit Planning for All Learners

This work will be participant-centered. Our role will be to help you bring together the principles of Universal Design for Learning and Understanding by Design to create units that are inclusive, affirming, and relevant for all learners. We are offering two sessions of this three-day series. Click [here](#) for more details. Sign up at the following links for [Series One](#) (July 10, 11, and 12) and/or [Series Two](#) (August 8, 9, and 10)

Lead Evaluator of Principals

Please email Barry directly (bderfel@tstboces.org) by the end of the day on July 12th if you are interested in participating in this session. There are currently two superintendents who have expressed interest. Barry will contact all those who have expressed interest to determine a date and time that works for everyone.

Manufacturing Pipeline Conference

Three days of experiential professional development. Join local educators as they tour local manufacturing businesses on July 25th and 26th and in the morning on July 27th. Participate in joint discussion between local businesses and local educators in the afternoon on July 27th and help formulate a plan to increase awareness and prepare our students for manufacturing careers that are available in our community.

Agenda Day 1 and 2: July 25 and 26

8:45 am - 11:00 am field experience at local business (2 total)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm working lunch @ BOCES

12:45 pm - 3:00 pm field experience at local business (2 total)

Day 3: July 27

8:45 am - 11:00 am Field experience at local business (2 total)

11:00 am -12:00 pm Lunch

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Debrief/questions

1:00 pm -3:00 pm Next steps: action planning with local businesses leaders

Each day will include a working lunch that will contain debriefing sessions. Lunch time at the BOCES campus is included in total professional development awarded hours for the conference. MLP [registration link](#); [Website link](#) for more information.

FOR PRINCIPALS

Lead Evaluator of Teachers Professional Learning **Series** - This series intends to help lead evaluators develop a vision and deepen their understanding of teacher evaluation, along with developing lead evaluators' skills in facilitating all aspects of the teacher evaluation process. All five sessions are required, and registration is now open in mlp: [August 24th](#), [September 19th](#), [October 17th](#), [November 7th](#), [January 16th](#). This series will train lead evaluators in all nine required criteria identified in the NYSED Lead Evaluator Certification regulations, with a focus on the following aspects of the evaluation process: pre-observation conference; scripting, linking evidence, and scoring of the observation; post-observation conference; summary evaluation evidence collection and write-up; and summary evaluation conference. Aspects of the content and instructional delivery of the series will evolve, based on the input and expertise of the lead evaluators who participate.

Lead Evaluator of Teachers **Recalibration** - This session intends to help lead evaluators deepen/hone their skills in facilitating all aspects of the teacher evaluation process. Grounded in the specific needs of participants, this session can focus on any of the following aspects of the evaluation process: the pre-observation conference, scripting, linking evidence, and/or scoring of the observation, the post-observation conference, the summary evaluation evidence collection and write-up, and/or the summary evaluation conference. Specifics of the series will evolve, based on the input and expertise of the lead evaluators who participate. Sign up now in mlp – [Option one](#), July 24th from 12:00 – 3:30; [Option two](#), August 3rd from 8:30 – 12:00

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Offered by other organizations and/or our consultants

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[2017 Engage, Educate, Empower EVERYONE Inclusion Conference](#)

Provides opportunities for building the skills and knowledge that teachers, educational support personnel, administrators, parents, and families need to change the culture of our schools. This is not just a “sit and get” conference. The nationally recognized keynote speakers will engage, educate and empower us. The breakout sessions, led by local practitioners, will work with us to develop concrete steps to move inclusive work in our classrooms, schools, and school districts forward. Sponsored by the Ithaca City School District.

Supporting All Students:

[School Climate and Culture Resources](#)

[Three Ways to Plan for Diverse Learners: What Teachers Do](#)

[Critical Practices for Anti-bias Education: Instruction](#)

[Identity Safe Classrooms](#)

Iennard j. davis – [Disability Studies](#)

Resources connected to our 2017 – 2018 Regional Priorities:

Supporting students’ mental, social, and emotional health – [Social and Emotional Learning Research Review](#)

Student-driven learning – [Student-Centered Learning Research Collaborative](#)

Questioning and discussion techniques – [Danielson Rubric Component 3b.](#)

Engaging students in learning – [Danielson Rubric Component 3c.](#)

Using assessment in instruction – [Danielson Rubric Component 3d.](#)



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