

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

As we get set to welcome back all of our students, staff and families, let's spend some time talking with others about a question inspired by today's quote: Given that young people in the United States have no choice but to attend school, what is the purpose of schooling in our district, in our region and in our nation?"

NEWS & NOTES

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

2017-18 SIRS Reporting Memo and Timeline

For information regarding the SIRS data reporting timeline, click [here](#).

2017-18 Elementary-and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule

Take a look at [this memorandum](#) for an update on the 2017-18 Elementary-and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule the Spring 2018 New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests, in view of the recently announced change in the number of test sessions associated with each of these tests from three to two.

Along with this memorandum, the Department has posted an updated 2017-18 Elementary- and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule, available [here](#).

Clarification of 4+1 Graduation Pathway Options

NYSED released [this memorandum](#) with the necessary understanding of how your staff must code graduation pathways in your District's Student Management System. You will have the opportunity to verify and certify this data with your End of Year Certification. The +1 Pathway Data will be reported with NYSED's 2017 Grad Rate Release and continuing forward.

Regional Computer-Based Testing Fall Presentation Sessions

Registration is now open for the Regional Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Fall Presentation Sessions where NYSED and Questar will visit six locations throughout New York State (September 27 - October 4, 2017) to provide details to help schools determine if they are ready to administer computer-based tests for Grades 3-8 ELA and Math in spring 2018.

The New York State Regional CBT Fall Presentation Sessions are intended for school/district-level administrators who are interested in learning more about computer-based testing technical requirements and how a school can start to transition to CBT.

THERE'S MORE ↓

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Quote of the Week

"What is the purpose of schooling in pluralistic societies?"

-- John Hattie, 2012

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Each session will be three hours from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To register, please visit the online registration form available on [CBT Support](#).

Locations: CBT Fall Presentations:

- Wednesday, September 27: St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES
- Thursday, September 28: CNYRIC
- Friday, September 29: WNYRIC
- Monday, October 2: Eastern Suffolk BOCES
- Tuesday, October 3: MHRIC
- Wednesday, October 4: NERIC

SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS

- [CAST Online Professional Learning](#)
- [GLSEN](#)
- [Social and Emotional Learning](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance](#)

FOR TEACHERS

Barnes and Noble has a number of discounts and resources available to local teachers. To find out more, [click here](#).

Teacher Research Fellows 2017 – 2018

Ithaca College and TST BOCES are collaborating to offer a paid professional development opportunity for the 2017-2018 school year. We're opening a year-long Teacher Research Fellows Inquiry Group to teachers in our TST BOCES region, including teachers from the South Seneca, Trumansburg, Ithaca and Lansing School Districts. If you're interested in applying to join next year's cohort of teacher research fellows and getting to know an energizing new group of colleagues, take a look at [this flyer](#). The application deadline has been extended through mid-September.

Regional Social Studies Network

The TST BOCES Regional Social Studies Network is a collective of educators, families, students and community working together to promote Social Studies teaching and learning that is standards aligned, inclusive, affirming, relevant and that leads to meaningful civic engagement.

Students, families, community members and educators representing every district in our region and representing diverse demographic backgrounds, including areas of economic security, race and ethnicity, place of residence, disability, sexual orientation, genders etc. are

invited to join the network at any time.

Please [email Barry](#) if you would like to join the network. We will come back together this fall to review the work we've already done, and to set some goals for the new school year.

FOR PRINCIPALS

ED School Climate Surveys

Check out [these resources](#) to support your efforts to create a safe, healthy, and effective learning environment for all students.

How might you use "[Every Opportunity](#)" to engage staff in meaningful conversation about how to make school a great place to be?

LINKS, ARTICLES & BOOKS

- *Supervisors Need Support, Too – Coaching Principals Effectively Takes Time and Skills* (2017).
- [Crusade for Justice: The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells, 1970.](#)
- [Anti-Lynching Law History](#)

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

RESOURCES CONNECTED TO OUR 2017 – 2018 REGIONAL PRIORITIES

1. Supporting students' mental, social and emotional health – [Social and Emotional Learning Research Review](#)
2. Student-driven learning:
 - a. [Student-Centered Learning Research Collaborative](#)
 - b. [Top 10 Tips for Student Blogging](#)
 - c. [From Traditional Teacher to "Modern Learning Advisor"](#)
3. Questioning and discussion techniques -- [Danielson Rubric Component 3b](#)
4. Engaging students in learning -- [Danielson Rubric Component 3c](#)
5. Using assessment in instruction -- [Danielson Rubric Component 3d](#)



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OF UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Offered through our folks here at TST BOCES

Explore Asia at The Johnson Museum of Art

Join the Johnson Museum of Art staff Carol Hockett, Maryterese Pasquale Bowen and Curator of Asian Art Ellen Avril for a celebration of the newly installed Asian galleries. Included will be hands on artmaking and gallery sessions on the themes of art and nature, word and image, warrior culture and dragons. Tours, small group work, artmaking. A working lunch will be included. Sign up now [in mlp](#).

National Board Certification Awareness Information Session (THIS IS THE SAME AWARENESS SESSION AS JUNE 26.)

Created by teachers, for teachers, National Board Certification is the profession's mark of accomplished teaching. National Board Certification is the most rigorous, coveted and respected certification available in education!

This workshop will introduce you to the process of National Board, and encourage you to explore its many possibilities and benefits. As a National Board Certified Teacher, you will join the ranks of the nation's most accomplished teachers who help students develop the necessary skills to thrive in school, in the workplace and in the 21st century global economy.

You will get an overview of the National Board Certification (NBC) process for teachers, union leaders or administrators. You will know the requirements, timelines, fees and options so that you are prepared to dive in, or to encourage others to do so. It will also provide information about the professional, financial and technical supports available to candidates.

Click [here](#) for for NBPTS website. Sign up now [in mlp](#).

Offered by other organizations and/or our consultants

Global Voices in Education

This fall the Cornell South Asia Program, in collaboration with the Southeast Asia Program and the Cornell Education minor, will launch "Global Voices in Education," a dynamic series of speakers stimulating conversations on and from international voices in the field of education. Sharing the global perspectives of Cornell faculty engaged in international service learning, refugee students at local community colleges, schoolteachers teaching about global migration, and many others, this series will prepare future teachers to engage students in international issues and to help them become global citizens.

The first talk is on August 30, and then every other Wednesday throughout the semester from 4:30-6 p.m. in the Plant Sciences Building on the Cornell campus, classroom 143. More information can be found on [this poster](#).

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