

# TST Weekly Bulletin

## Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES

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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

#### Thank You

Thank you teachers, paraprofessionals, aides & assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and everyone else who works September through June in our schools. As this week's quote suggests, your service on behalf of young people has global implications.

### FOR PRINCIPALS

#### Field Advisory On New CDOS Graduation Pathway Option

At their March 2016 meeting, the New York State Board of Regents approved through emergency action an amendment to [sections 100.5 and 100.6](#) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to establish a new Career Development Occupational Studies (CDOS) graduation pathway for all students. The regulations were approved as a permanent rule at the June Regents meeting are applicable to all students who are otherwise eligible to graduate in June 2016 and thereafter. For more information click [here](#).

- For questions about graduation requirements and the multiple pathways to graduation, please contact the Office of Curriculum at 518-474-5922 or [emscgradreq@nysed.gov](mailto:emscgradreq@nysed.gov).
- For questions regarding CTE coursework and workbased learning programs, please contact the Career and Technical Education Office at (518) 486-1547 or [emsccte@nysed.gov](mailto:emsccte@nysed.gov).

### LINKS, ARTICLES & BOOKS

- [New York State Center for Rural Schools \(Data and Research\)](#)
- [Go Paperless: Reduce Costs, Improve Collaboration and Efficiency, and Help Save the Planet.](#)  
by Sunshine Miller (Coordinator of Cooperative Enrichment).
- [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness.](#)  
by Michelle Alexander (2012)

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

• FYI – During the summer, the bulletin will be sent out every two weeks.

• Global Studies Transition Note – Read the [most recent update](#) from NYSED about the transition to a new Global Studies Regents Exam.

• New York State Science Learning Standards – Read the [most recent Summary Update](#) from NYSED.

#### Quote of the Week

“Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or other. If we cultivate the habit of doing the service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and will make, not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large”  
-- Mohandas Gandhi

THERE'S MORE ↓

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## TEACHERS

### **Teacher Research Fellows – A TST BOCES/Ithaca College Collaboration.**

The Teacher Research Fellows Inquiry Group is a small community of teachers from across the TST-BOCES region engaged in systematic study about their own teaching. This teacher research community grounds our work in the perspective that teachers are uniquely situated to investigate and analyze their own practice.

Teachers who serve as 2016-2017 Teacher Research Fellows will find the opportunity to conduct inquiries in response to pressing questions they develop about their classrooms, curriculum, and students' learning. Teachers are engaged in inquiry on a daily basis in their classrooms, but they rarely are afforded the time to systematically document and consider what they are learning or to do so with the explicit and regular support of others. The Teacher Research Fellows Inquiry Group offers time, space, community, and methodological support for teachers to conduct their own teacher research projects, projects that aim to enrich students' learning experiences and to help our colleagues think in new ways about our practices. Fellows will share their projects with others in the inquiry community and with a broader audience of teaching professionals. The ultimate purpose of the inquiry projects teachers carry out is to enrich their students' learning and life chances.

For more information about this program, and to apply to serve as a Teacher Research Fellow for 2016 – 2017 click [here](#).

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

### **UDL/UBD Primer Session**

Understanding by Design (UbD) is a unit planning process that utilizes backwards design to create comprehensive instructional units that focus on essential understanding in an area of study. Participants will learn about the three guidelines of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and how to proactively reduce the barriers that interfere with student learning in your unit planning. By attending to these guidelines in the UbD planning process, you can increase access and engagement for all learners through a differentiated unit. This full day session will allow participants to gain a thorough understanding of the components of a UbD unit plan, the UDL guidelines, and how they interact during the unit planning process. Register [here](#).

Participants will receive a \$100 stipend from the Teacher Professional Development Network at SUNY Cortland. For more information click [here](#).

### **Google Summer Camps**

Be a part of TST Google Summer Camp! Join us for an energetic day of learning, creating, and collaborating with Google Apps for Education. Whether you are a novice or expert user, multiple entry points allow you to invigorate and excite your teaching and learning. All sessions are facilitated by Technology Integration Specialists and a Google Certified trainer. Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Unit Planning for All Learners Summer Series Think and Collaborate Outside of the Box**

Plan innovative teaching to generate creative learning. The TST BOCES School Improvement Services Team will be working together to help general educators, special educators, and other educators collaborate in creating unit plans that are inclusive, affirming, and relevant for all students. This will NOT look like what you are used to - we will NOT be delivering instruction while you sit and get it. Teachers will be doing the work and the thinking - we'll be listening, observing, facilitating, coaching, and supporting. There will be three series offered this summer, and each will be three days long. For more information click [here](#). Sign up now in mlp.

### **Educator Wellness Summer Series (July 11th – July 14th)**

"Mind-Body Strategies to Grow Happy, Grow Healthy."  
Facilitated by Andrea Rennie. Click [here](#) for more information.

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