



FEH BOCES News and Notes November 10, 2015

*“The Mission of the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton
Board of Cooperative Educational Services
is to provide shared services to its component
school districts”*

Health Fair

Joy Gonyea and her students in the Health Occupations Class will be hosting a health fair at the Adirondack Educational Center from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Monday, November 23rd. Champlain Valley Physician Hospital, High Peaks Hospice, St. Joseph’s Rehabilitation Center and The New York State Police are collaborating with FEH BOCES for this activity which will include both a Blood Drive and a Food Drive. The food drive will benefit the Saranac Lake Food Pantry. The event is open to the public.

If You Like Spaghetti...

If you like spaghetti there are two upcoming events that you won’t want to miss. Tracy Edwards-Warren and her students in the New Vision Government and Law class will be hosting a spaghetti dinner from noon until 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 14. The event will be held at Malone Centenary United Methodist Church, 345 West Main St. Malone. Take outs are available.

On Thursday, November 12 the Malone Rotary Club (a community partner with FEH BOCES) will have a take out only spaghetti dinner from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at the knights of Columbus in Malone.

Health Insurance Proposal Clarification

The recent Employer Proposal for Enhancing the Role of the Joint Governing Board, may inadvertently be resulting in some confusion. I will attempt to provide some clarification. First, this was an initial proposal with an anticipated response by the JGB Employee Representatives. This would likely be followed by a number of meetings to work out a possible agreement. Any agreement would require all bargaining units and all school boards in participating districts to vote in favor of the agreement, before it could go into effect.

The second area of confusion centers on slide 5 in the presentation. The percentages proposed by the employers are maximum percentages. Under this proposal your current premium share would not change unless agreed to through local negotiations, and premium share could not exceed the percentages listed.

In short, this proposal did not change any benefits, premium shares, or co-pays. Changes could occur in the future, but only if the Joint Governing Board reaches an agreement followed by a favorable vote of all 18 bargaining units and nine boards of education.

If individuals or groups have questions, I urge you to reach out to Suzanne Rivers (employee representative) or me for clarification.