



## FEH BOCES News and Notes November 3, 2015

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

### **Facilities Committee Holds Initial Meeting**

The Board of Education is working with BCA Architects and Engineers on updating the District’s Long Range Plan (LRP) and recently established a facilities committee to carry out this work. The LRP is a tool that will be utilized to actively manage our capital construction needs. Needs and priorities are continually changing and this living document will help us better prepare for the future.

There are two key components that will be discussed during the development of the LRP. The first will be the existing conditions of our facilities, the “bricks and mortar” review by BCA. This process has been completed as part of the Building Condition Survey that is required of all Districts every 5 years.

The second component is how changes and evolution in the different industries, and the education field have modified and more importantly, will continue to modify the way we teach our CTE and alternative education programs. These changes will require corresponding changes in our instructional spaces. Likewise similar analysis will need to occur for the management services work space as well.

BCA will be at both educational centers to meet with the principals and members of the instructional staff and have “Visioning Charrettes” to review the second component. A similar format will be utilized for management services. It is essential that everyone has an opportunity to be heard to ensure that the LRP that is being developed is all inclusive for the betterment of our students. The upcoming Charrette process provides the opportunity to share your ideas regarding potential changes and upgrades in your work space.

### **P-TECH Grant Awarded to FEH Region Consortium**

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the approval of seven new projects funded under the New York State Pathways in Technology Early College High School Partnerships (P-TECH). The announcement includes a grant for \$2.8 million to fund the P-TECH program in our region. The P-TECH grant includes Salmon River Central School (LEA – Lead Education Agency), other area school districts, North Country Community College and Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES as lead partners. Citizen Advocates, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Adirondack Health Institute (AHI), Northern Area Health Education Center (NAHEC), Alice Hyde Medical Center and the North Country Workforce Development Board are also partnering in the project. The partners will work together to design a curriculum rich in opportunities to support student pathways in the health care and in health related technologies fields. Student participants will earn a high school diploma awarded by their home districts and North Country Community College will award Associate degrees in Human Services, Chemical Dependency Counseling, and/or Health Sciences. Students enrolled in the Northern Borders Career Academy P-TECH will receive the AAS degree at “no cost” to themselves or their families.

This is an outstanding opportunity for the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES and partnering districts to provide the highest quality educational programming and support so that students interested in pursuing a career in the health related field and/or health related technologies have an additional pathway to career and college readiness. The program will be targeted to a different group of students than those that participate in our CTE programs. The Northern Borders Career Academy P-TECH will be a tremendous benefit to students, to our higher education partners and the employers seeking job ready candidates. Additional information will be forthcoming once the P-Tech planning committee returns from a December 7th P-Tech training in Albany for new P-Tech grant recipients around the state.