



## FEH BOCES News and Notes December 8, 2015

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

### **Spreading Holiday Cheer**

On December 7 after work, staff from the business office, central office and printing service visited Val Haven Nursing Home in Malone. As they have done for the past 13 years, the staff have purchased pizza, soda and gifts for the residents at Val Haven. In addition to delivering the gifts and goodies the staff sings some holiday tunes as well. Thanks to all staff who are spreading holiday cheer throughout the season!

### **PTECH Grant Update**

The PTECH Grant Steering Committee has held two meetings and on December 7 several representatives of the Committee attended the “PTECH Convening” in Albany for grant recipients from around the state. The Steering Committee has selected “Northern Borders Academy” as the official program name. Up to 30 ninth grade students from Brushton-Moira, Malone and Salmon River (other districts on a space available basis) will enter the program in September 2016. The students commit to the program for six (or less) years, earning both a High School Diploma and an Associate’s Degree through North Country Community College. Career Pathways in the program include Human Services, Health Science and Chemical Dependency Counseling. Additional pathways may evolve in future years of the program.

Next steps in the work of the Steering Committee include the hiring of a Program Coordinator and establishing a student recruitment and selection process, to name just a couple. Members of the Steering Committee are listed [here](#).

“Northern Borders Academy” is a natural expansion of Career Pathway opportunities for students that already include CTE (Career and Technical Education) and New Vision programs. CTE programs serve juniors and seniors with sites at AEC, NFEC and Salmon River. New Vision programs serve seniors at sites in Malone and Saranac Lake. A full listing of CTE and New Vision programs can be found [here](#). All programs have articulation agreements with one or more post-secondary educational institutions.

### **Workforce Development Board Meets at NFEC**

On December 4 the North Country Workforce Development Board met at NFEC for their business meeting and strategic planning session. The NCWDB has met at AEC 3 or 4 times a year for many years, but this was the first visit to NFEC. Staff from all programs at NEC and Satellite Sites provided program displays. I am very appreciative of the effort that went into assembling the displays and the NCWDB members found the displays to be very informative.