



FEH BOCES Staff News and Notes April 13, 2016

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

Professional Development Activities

The FEH BOCES is heavily vested in providing professional development services for our component school district and for FEH BOCES employees. Your first stop to see available offerings from the FEH BOCES Instructional Support Services office is the MLP (My Learning Plan) site which is conveniently linked on our home page. Select FEH BOCES. FEH BOCES also participates in the NERIC Model Schools program through a collaboration with the FEH BOCES ISS team. Model Schools professional development offerings can be accessed through the NERIC link on MLP. Not that participation in professional development activities requires approval. In addition to offerings on the MLP there are occasionally other offerings that may be available. On May 16 and 17 the Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition is offering “Youth Mental Health First Aid.” There is no charge to attend. If you are interested the flyer can be found [here](#).

Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS Learning Standards)

CDOS is shorthand that has been in the educational news quite regularly over the last couple of years, but actually dates back to the 1990’s in New York State. There are really three different but related aspects of CDOS. First, the CDOS Learning Standards adopted by the Board of Regents in 1998. The CDOS Learning Standards are applicable K-12. The standards include: Career Development, Integrated Learning, Universal Foundation Skills and Career Majors. The CDOS Learning Standards are intended to be infused across all curricular areas. For more information go [here](#).

The second use of CDOS refers to the CDOS Commencement Credential. This credential is available to all students and is typically earned in addition to a high school diploma. In very limited situations it may be the only exiting credential for a student. For more information about the CDOS Commencement Credential, contact Bryant Robinson at 518-483-5230 ext. 1052.

The third use of CDOS refers to the 4+1 CDOS Graduation Pathway that was recently approved by the Board of Regents. This pathway allows a student to use the CDOS Pathway in place of one of certain Regents exams required for graduation. More information about the CDOS 4+1 Pathway can be found [here](#).