



## **FEH BOCES Staff News and Notes** **May 3, 2016**

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

### **Thank You!**

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation week nationally and locally, I want to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and the entire FEH BOCES family for the dedication to our students, component school districts and community members that we serve with pride! Each and every one of you bring the gift of learning to life. Whether you work directly with students or in some other role that supports the work with students, know that you are making a difference for each of the students and our entire community. Take some time this week to reflect and appreciate how the work you do enhances the lives of students and enhances the fabric of our society. Thank you!

### **Vote on the FEH BOCES Administrative Budget and Election of Board Members**

On April 19 Component School District Boards of Education voted on the FEH BOCES Administrative Budget for 2016-17. This is the only portion of our budget on which the boards vote. The vote was 7 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 void (vote in favor, but held on wrong date). The careful consideration of the administrative budget by all of the component boards is appreciated.

On the same date the component boards voted in favor of the three candidates running for three positions on the FEH Board. Thomas O’Bryan was re-elected representing St. Regis Falls. Donna Kissane was elected to represent Malone and Elizabeth Forsell was elected to represent Raquette Lake. Current board members Stephen Dupree (Malone) and Jules Comeau (Long Lake) are finishing their terms in June. Their service to the FEH BOCES is very much appreciated!

### **School District Budget Votes and Election of Board Members**

On May 17 all of our component school districts will hold their budget votes and school board elections. I urge you to vote on May 17 in the school district where you reside. Exercising the right to vote is a critical aspect of participating in a democracy. In addition, sharing the fact that you vote with students, reinforces the development of their values as members in a democratic society.

### **FEH BOCES Capital Project Referendum**

While we are on the topic of voting, this is an opportunity to encourage you to “save the date” of October 26 for the vote on our capital project. There will be more details to follow in the months ahead regarding the project, polling locations and times. The vote will be open to all residents living in the entire FEH BOCES region.