



FEH BOCES News and Notes

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New Partners

Stanley Harper has started as superintendent at Salmon River Central School and Donald Carlisle has started as superintendent at Long Lake Central School. The FEH BOCES looks forward to continuing the strong relationship that exists with each district and welcoming the new superintendents into our North Country family!

BOCES Summer Operations

Many people ask what happens at BOCES in the summer? The FEH BOCES is a year round operation. While I will not cover every single service that continues in the summer, here are some of the services:

Regional Summer School-There are two sites, Tupper Lake Jr. Sr. High School and Franklin Academy (Malone). This service provides many academic classes for students in grades 6-12. Most of the classes use a regular classroom format, however some students are utilizing an on-line format at Franklin Academy with the support of on-site instructional staff. This is typically referred to as a blended model. Students that achieve success in summer school are more likely to remain on track for graduation from high school. Many students that participate were successful during the regular school year, but are looking to improve grades or to free up room in their schedule for the coming year by completing coursework in the summer. Accelerating learning and credit accumulation during the summer are key aspects of our regional efforts to maximize the potential of all area students.

Extended School Year services for Students with Disabilities- There are multiple sites including Tupper Lake, Brushton-Moira, Franklin Academy and Chateaugay. Students in this service benefit from instruction to move forward and prevent regression. The program is highly specialized and addresses the specific needs of the students as indicated on their respective IEP's. As with the Regional Summer School, this program is critical to the full development of the students and maximizing their potential.

Adult Education Services-The OneWorksource Center in Malone and our sites in Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake continue to operate in the summer providing Adult Basic Education services. These services are essential to enhancing the employability and quality of life for participating adults. In addition the FEH BOCES provides Certified Nurse Aid training in the summer as well. For more information about any aspect of Adult Education programming you may call Joe Campbell at 481-5755.

Shared Business Office Services-The FEH BOCES provides either complete business office services or specific modules for 8 districts as well as the internal business office services for the BOCES. The summer is a busy time of year for business office services as the conversion to the new fiscal year occurs, the external auditor conducts audits, new hires are entered into the business office software systems and materials/supplies arrive for the new school year. The SBO staff do a great job handling the business affairs for all activities district/agency wide that continue to operate in the summer as well as preparing for a smooth opening to the coming school year.

Instructional Support Services-The ISS staff conduct and facilitate numerous professional development offerings throughout the summer. These offerings are a vital aspect of maintaining the highly qualified educators that are a hallmark of our FEH BOCES and component school district instructional programs. There is still time to register for summer workshops!

Printing Service-The FEH BOCES printing service continues to operate throughout the summer. School districts continue to make printing requests for instructional items to prepare for the new school year. In addition, school calendars, Codes of Conduct and other items to pen the school year contribute to make the summer one of the busiest times of the year for the printing service.

Courier Service-The Educational Delivery Service, commonly referred to as the courier service continues to operate throughout the summer so that items can continue to move smoothly between districts and the BOCES.

Operations and Maintenance-The O&M staff work throughout the summer to maintain and enhance the FEH BOCES facilities. Several projects are already underway and for those of you not at a BOCES facility during the summer, expect to see some noticeable changes upon your return in the fall including flooring, lighting, and technology upgrades among several other projects.