



FEH BOCES Staff News and Notes April 10, 2017

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

Commissioner Elia to Visit Region

As noted in the March 28 edition of News & Notes, Commissioner Elia will be visiting AEC, Tupper Lake Central School, Long Lake Central School and the Long Lake Public Library. Regent Ouder Kirk will accompany the Commissioner on the visit. See the complete itinerary [here](#).

35 Students Inducted into National Technical Honor Society

On Thursday, March 30 Adirondack Educational Center hosted families and school district representatives for the induction of [14 students](#) into the National Technical Honor Society. On Wednesday, April 5 North Franklin Education Center was the site for the induction of [21 students](#). Congratulations to all of the students on earning this prestigious honor that recognizes hard work and dedication they have displayed in their respective programs over the past two years! Thank you to the parents, families, home districts and staff! It takes a team of adults to provide support to our students and we can all be proud of our collective efforts.

Annual Meeting

The 69th Annual Meeting of the FEH BOCES took place at the Adirondack Educational Center on Thursday, April 6. In addition to the usual presentation on the budget, attendees were wowed by an outstanding presentation from several Culinary Arts students and Chef Roe. The student produced presentation slides can be found [here](#). The students displayed pride in their work and poise in presenting to the audience. All in attendance were able to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and deserts. Thank you students and staff!

The Annual Meeting is an important part of preparing for the 2017-18 year. A few more key components will take place in the coming weeks. Districts will be submitting final service requests by April 20. Component District Boards of Education will vote on the Administrative Budget on April 25. On the same evening component District Boards will elect representatives to the FEH Board of Cooperative Educational Services. There are three vacancies for three year terms. The candidates are:

John Swanston, Chateaugay C.S.D.
Jason Brockway, Salmon River C.S.D.
Donald Whitmore, Tupper Lake C.S.D.

There is one vacancy for a one year unexpired term. The candidate is:
Richard Retrosi, Saranac Lake C.S.D.

State Budget Completed

The NYS Legislature and the Governor reached agreement on a state budget. While the overall funding picture is positive for our component school districts, the specific level of support varies considerably from district to district.

Two major disappointments in the approved budget are the omission of an increase to the portion of CTE salaries eligible for aid and the omission of language that would have required the exclusion of school district costs for BOCES Capital Projects in tax cap calculations. Both items will continue to be pursued in the remainder of the Legislative session.