



FEH BOCES Staff News and Notes September 23, 2016

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

Manufacturing Day 2016

Manufacturing Day 2016 is slated for Thursday, October 6. I encourage you to review the agenda for the day [here](#). At first glance this could look like an event that is “outside our region.” However, at a recent Franklin Council (part of the North Country Workforce Development Board structure) meeting it was reported that up to 40 people a day are utilizing public transportation from Malone to Plattsburgh for work at various manufacturing facilities and there was some discussion about developing access from the Saranac Lake area to Plattsburgh. This demonstrates the continued demand for employees in the Plattsburgh area for manufacturing jobs at a variety of skill levels. For certain students, direct entry into the manufacturing field or entry into the Advanced Manufacturing program at Clinton Community College will be a very viable part of their career pathway. I encourage you to review the information and share with students and families that may be interested.

Guest WiFi

By early next week guest WiFi will be available at AEC and NFEC. This should be a convenience for anyone visiting our centers. While no password will be required it will be subject to filtering. Staff should continue to use staff WiFi to avoid the more restrictive filtering that will be applied to our guest WiFi. If you have questions about guest WiFi please contact your program administrator so that our IT staff can respond.

Component District Advisory Committee

On Wednesday, September 28 the first Component District Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the North Franklin Education Center. This is the first of three meetings to engage in dialog with our component districts and to share information with our programs and services. The agenda for the meeting can be found [here](#).

New Draft ELA and Math Standards

On Wednesday the State Education Department released new draft New York State P-12 English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning Standards for public comment, Commissioner MaryEllen Elia announced. Two committees comprised of more than 130 educators and parents recommended changing 60 percent of the ELA and 55 percent of the math standards. SED is accepting public comments on the draft standards through November 4. I encourage you to consider providing standards. To view the Draft standards and provide input please go [here](#).