



## FEH BOCES Staff News and Notes December 16, 2016

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

### **Happy Holidays**

As the holidays approach I extend my best wishes to you and your loved ones, for a joyous holiday season and a great start to 2017. Our BOCES family has much to celebrate! We work as a great team. The support we provide to each other in our work and beyond, and to the students we serve is truly inspirational! The work we do in the education realm is challenging difficult work, but also tremendously rewarding work. Our FEH BOCES team rises to the challenge every day and for that I am most thankful and appreciative.

While we are not quite at the halfway point of the school year, the end of the calendar year always prompts reflection on the past twelve months. During that time we have planned and implemented new programs including Northern Borders Academy and New Vision Coding and Gaming. We have sustained and strengthened our existing programs through professional development and curricular updates. We have meticulously laid the foundation for a capital project at NFEC and AEC (Vote date September 21, 2017). We have expanded management services including an additional district (Putnam) in the shared business office. The Component District Advisory Committee (CDAC) has met throughout the fall and strengthened our relationship with the component districts. Our instructional support services have continued to support districts through the period of rapid transition that is occurring in education. Our adult education team has worked to maintain the high standards and strong results we have always achieved while implementing the new Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA).

The strength and quality of our entire team is certainly worthy of celebration. Thank you for all that you do. Enjoy the holidays!

### **Capital Project Update**

Planning for a capital project is a major undertaking. The laws and regulations governing BOCES projects add a level of complexity. But our facilities committee, with the support of our component districts has persevered. The board has set September 21, 2017 as the date for the BOCES-Wide referendum. Between now and the vote date, many steps will need to take place. A timeline that outlines the steps can be found [here](#). Additional information will be provided as we move forward.

