

Connections 2015: Connecting Educators & Businesses for Authentic Project-Based Learning

If you are a teacher looking to make “real-world” connections for your authentic learning experience, or if you are a business member who wants to help our classrooms look more like the “real-world,” please join us at the Doubletree Hotel for the October 9, 2015, event. This will be our 2nd annual meeting of teachers and business, community, and government contacts who wants to make sure our schools are preparing students to be college, career, and citizenship ready. What happens when you connect 100 teachers with 100 people from business, government, and/or community agencies? You make connections!

After an exploration of project-based learning that demonstrate good connections, business leaders will have the chance to tell teachers about their work: the problems and projects that they work on. Then, we'll switch and teachers will have the chance to pitch their project-based learning ideas with members of the business, community, and government representation for feedback. The event will conclude with lunch and continued networking opportunities.

Based on the overwhelming success of last year's event, this event is expected to be both productive and energizing. Teachers, [visit the webpage below to sign up](#) for the event. Leaders from business, community, or government, please [visit the webpage below to register](#). This is part of the Regional Vision for College, Career & Citizenship Readiness in CNY ([flyer link on webpage below](#)). The event is sponsored by the Greater Central New York Education and Business Consortium.

As we did last year, all participants will have access to the contact information and project ideas. October 9th isn't the end, it's just the beginning of authentic projects in the classrooms of Central New York.

Connections Archive:

Teachers:

2014 Participant and Project Directory ([link on webpage below](#))

Business/Community Agencies/Government:

2014 Participant list ([link on webpage below](#))

Visit the webpage version of this flyer to visit links:

<http://bit.ly/PBLconnections2015>



The schedule for the event:

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| 7:30-8:00a | Registration & Coffee |
| 8:00-8:15a | Welcome & opening remarks |
| 8:15-8:45a | Keynote by Bob Daino, WCNY President & CEO |
| 8:45-9:15a | Examples of Projects w/ Connections |
| 9:15-9:30a | Transition to break-out #1 |
| 9:30-10:45a | Break-out #1: Business describe the projects & problems; teachers pitch project ideas |
| 10:45-11:00a | Transition to Breakout #2 |
| 11:00a-12:15p | Break-out #2: Business describe the projects & problems; teachers pitch project ideas |
| 12:15p - | Lunch & Project Networking |