

We are sending you a corrected version of the May 2015 BOCES Bits. The previous version incorrectly reported the district budget vote as being held on Tuesday, May 20th. The district budget voting will take place on Tuesday, May 19th.

From the District Superintendent



Each year, we invite our 23 component school districts and their board members to our Annual Meeting so that our budgets can be presented. The meeting is also used as an opportunity to showcase the tremendous work of our staff and students. This year's meeting was held at the McEvoy Campus in Cortland. I am extremely proud of the work that our Culinary Arts students and staff did to create the incredible dinner and dessert selection. The food was delicious and our guests certainly enjoyed their meals.

So much work goes into the meeting each year and there are many people to thank for their efforts. Thank you to all the facilities staff who prepare our buildings for special guests, to the technology staff who ensure that equipment is working properly for the evening's needs, and to the many, many staff members who prepare our budgets and help present them to our component districts. Your efforts make the evening a wonderful experience every year.

Local school budget voting and board member elections take place on Tuesday, May 19

Voters across New York state will be asked to cast ballots in their district's school budget and board member elections on Tuesday, May 19. Be sure to learn about your district's budget and exercise your right to vote! To find out more about your district's proposed budget and get information about different voting procedures, visit the OCM BOCES [\[Component District Websites\]](#) page.



Annual Meeting showcases collaboration through OCM BOCES

OCM BOCES' 2015 Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1, at the McEvoy Education Campus in Cortland, NY. The meeting gives OCM BOCES the opportunity to educate its 23 component school districts about the high quality services it provides, while fulfilling the legal requirement of providing those districts with information about the BOCES budget, which was voted upon on April 20. [\[Read more\]](#)



Students compete in Regional SkillsUSA Competition; Four earn gold medal, several others place

Congratulations to the many OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) students who recently competed and placed in the Regional SkillsUSA competition held at SUNY Morrisville on Friday,

February 27. This annual competition gives OCM BOCES the opportunity to compete against other schools in timed technical, trade and leadership contests. [\[Read more\]](#)

Manning receives 2015 NYSAWA Giacobbe Award

On Sunday, March 22, OCM BOCES District Superintendent J. Francis Manning was presented with the 2015 Maxine Giacobbe Award from the New York State Association for Women in Administration (NYSAWA) at its annual symposium in Albany, NY. NYSAWA Award Committee Chair Dr. Jennifer Schulman presented the award at an award reception and dinner held at the Desmond Hotel. [\[Read more\]](#)

Deadline for CTE Hall of Fame nominations is May 8



The deadline to submit nominations for the OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Hall of Fame is May 8, 2015. The Hall of Fame, established in 2011, honors individuals who have graduated from our Career and Technical Education programs and who demonstrate leadership in their field. Each year, nominations are solicited and reviewed by a subcommittee of our OCM BOCES Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee. [\[Read more\]](#)

Contact your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for free and confidential assistance



Your OCM BOCES Employee Assistance Program is a free, voluntary and confidential assessment/referral service for employees and their family members who are experiencing personal or work-related problems, such as stress, emotional problems, grief, wellness and much more. [\[Read more\]](#)

Power down equipment when not in use!



The OCM BOCES Energy Committee would like to remind everyone to turn off devices (don't just put into sleep mode), including computers, monitors, printers, copiers, projectors, interactive white boards and other electrical equipment, when they are not in use.

Experts say that plug loads account for up to 25 percent of the electrical consumption in a building. At OCM BOCES, that equals approximately \$100,000 each year.

Please help make a difference and power down all equipment every day.

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