



WESTERN NEW YORK EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL

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Dear Superintendent,

Since 1949, the Western New York Educational Service Council has served the professional needs of school administrators across our eight-county region and throughout New York State. As an organization that is committed to supporting the work of educational leaders across New York State, the Council strives to understand and tailor our programming to meet the most pressing issues facing school leaders

On June 1st, I will officially take on the challenges of the WNY Educational Service Council. During the past two months, I have invested time meeting with the Superintendent teams from the varied BOCES in our regional Joint Management team as well as talking with individual leaders. In these conversations, I have tried to listen carefully to understand the challenges facing all of us as well as the unique needs facing districts individually or in their region.

As we look to the upcoming 2022-23 school year, I would like to highlight the programs and benefits that are offered to our member districts:

- The return of our **Executive Leadership Series** - a set of connected presentations connecting the research work of local university and collegiate partners and the “on the ground” success districts are having in their local schools.
- We are actively recruiting retired school leaders from every level, district and building level, to join our **“Assembly of Distinguished Educators”** to tap into their collective experience, talents and wisdom as a resource to our membership. In 2022-23, member districts will have the ability to engage with one of our leaders for up to five hours as a membership benefit for any work or project that they may want to engage in. More information will be forthcoming on this work later this summer.
- Member districts can participate at reduced rates in **Council-sponsored programming** such as the annual **CIDEL Call to Leadership** and **WNYESC Awards of Excellence**. Member districts are also eligible to participate in this year’s **August 3rd WNY Law Conference** at a significantly reduced rate.

Viability and credibility will be key tenets of the Council’s work in the year ahead. We build credibility by ensuring that our staff and consultants remain current in the dynamic world of public schooling in New York State and its impact on school leaders at all levels. We need to stay in touch and be committed to learning from you the kinds of support you would benefit from to better help your kids.

This year, 56 WNY Districts and charter schools were members of the WNY Educational Service Council. Our goal for 2022-23 is to have every District in the WNY region join the Council. I would appreciate your District’s support of the Council by renewing your membership for 2022-23. The membership rates are tiered based on student enrollment. You can find more information in the 2022-23 enrollment form attached here.

As we enter our 74th year of service to the Western New York educational community, I would deeply appreciate your support of the Council and commitment to its work by enrolling for 2022-23. Please don’t hesitate to contact me by email (wnyesc.exeddir@gmail.com) or on my cell phone (716-583-3570) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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