

# Collaborate!

## Erie 1 BOCES Partnership Briefing



# 115

*Sweet Home Students Attend Career and Technical Education Programs*

# 22

*Sweet Home Students were Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society within the Past Three Years*

# 30+

*Career & Technical Education Courses Offered to Sweet Home High School Students*

## Web Technology & Gaming Program was “No-Brainer” for Leo Zheng

Leo Zheng, a student at Sweet Home Central School District, is excelling in the Web Technology and Gaming program at the CTE Center at Calspan Business Park.

“This program has given me a creative outlet and allowed me to learn more about what I love,” Zheng said. “It has opened up numerous future opportunities that would have been much harder to achieve.”

Leo said his passion for his studies stemmed from his interest in coding and programming, and that “choosing this path was a no-brainer for me.”

Leo’s instructor, Linda Rohloff, had high praise for his skills and enthusiasm for working with others.

“Leo has been doing excellent this year,” Rohloff said. “He possesses advanced programming skills and is a true asset to the classroom. He is always helpful and eager to volunteer to support both the class and the community.”

After graduation, Leo plans to take a year to refine his skills and consider his next steps, whether that involves college or entering the workforce. With his enthusiasm and commitment, Leo is well on his way to a successful career in web technology and gaming.





# Erie 1 BOCES Shared Services

The New York State Legislature created Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) as a way for local school districts to collaborate on educational offerings while reducing their individual expenses. Today, Erie 1 BOCES is an incubator of innovation, continually developing new programs and services to meet the changing needs of students. The following is a report that provides insight into Sweet Home's enrollment during this school year.

## \$1,531,760

*in State Aid Generated to Sweet Home via BOCES Services*

## \$485,948

*Rental Revenue Sweet Home to receive from BOCES*

## 4

*Sweet Home Students Participate in Alternative Education Programs*

## 22

*Sweet Home Students Participate in Special Education Programs*

## 7

*Sweet Home Students Attended Extended School (Summer) Program*



## K-12 Instructional Programs

Provides a diverse range of specialized educational programs to empower K-12 students and adult learners across Western New York.

### Students Enrolled In:

- Alternative Learning
- Career and Technical Education
- Special Education

## Administrative Services

Delivers quality, cost-efficient operational services to ensure districts can focus on providing students with an excellent education.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Athletics
- Business Office Support
- Certification
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Health, Safety, and Risk Management
- Labor Relations
- Policy Services
- Substitute Coordination

### Did you know Erie 1 BOCES Administrative Services also offers:

- Graphics and Video
- Printing/Copy
- Public Relations

## Tackling the Substitute Shortage

The Substitute Training and Recruiting Services (STARS) has been working tirelessly in collaboration with school district administrators, Human Resources teams, and business professionals to tackle the ongoing substitute teacher shortage in the region by focusing on providing practical support for districts' staffing needs. Through targeted marketing efforts, STARS recruits candidates via job fairs, digital ads, and university partnerships.



Over 300 applicants have already been recruited and directed to Sweet Home for processing. By lifting the burden of recruiting, vetting, and training substitutes, Sweet Home administrators can maintain a stable, effective, and positive learning environment, while also preventing burnout by allowing the district's teachers to take needed time off for rest and recovery along with professional development.

# WNYRIC Shared Services

Western New York Regional Information Center (WNYRIC) delivers future-focused educational technology support, resources, and solutions to over 100 school districts. Through technology integration, data, cybersecurity, and instructional support, our experienced team creates innovative and interconnected learning environments to maximize the quality of instruction.



## Administrative Office Applications

Streamlines district office operations to support successful learning environments.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Capital Project and Facilities Maintenance Software
- Document Management Software
- HR and Finance Software
- Professional Development Tracking Software
- Textbook Loan Services
- Visitor Management Software

## Data and Testing Services

Assists districts in complying with reporting requirements and achieving instructional goals while prioritizing data safety, and security.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Answer Sheet Printing, Scanning, and Score Upload Services
- Assessment Scoring
- Automated Data Integration
- Data Warehouse, Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting

### Did you know Data and Testing Services also offers:

- Data Privacy and Security Services

## e-Communication Applications

Leverages technology to increase the efficiency and security of communications between schools, students, and guardians.

### Services Enrolled In:

- Student and Guardian Notification Systems
- Website and Website Governance Software

### Did you know e-Communication Applications also offers:

- Email Archive Support Services

1,540

Hours of Professional Development Attended by Sweet Home in 2023-2024

6,540

New York State Assessments Processed for Sweet Home in 2023-2024

18

Educational Software Applications Supported in Sweet Home

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## WNYRIC Services Continued...

### Instructional Support Services and Professional Learning

Offers a comprehensive range of services to support teachers and enhance student learning.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- Arts in Education and Exploratory Enrichment
- Assessment and Evaluation Systems
- Classroom Software Applications
- Community Schools
- Instructional Resource Team (IRT) Support
- Distance Education
- Strategic Planning

#### Did you know Instructional Support Services and Professional Learning Services also offers:

- School Library Services
- Technology Integrator



“ By working together, we can continue to enhance student engagement and achievement. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. ”

*Michael Capuana, Ed.D.,  
Erie 1 BOCES District Superintendent/CEO*

### Networking Services

Facilitates connectivity, access to educational resources, and information sharing among students, teachers, and staff, while prioritizing data security.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- Enhanced Security Service
- Internet Services
- VoIP Phone Services

#### Did you know Networking Services also offers:

- Remote Computer Management
- Video Security Systems

### Student Information Systems

Supports the implementation of software and systems needed to manage K-12 student data.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- AIS/RTI Tracking Software
- Medicaid Billing Assistance
- Student Health Software
- Student Management Software

#### Did you know Student Information Systems also offers:

- Cafeteria Point of Sale Software
- Online Registration and Student Electronic Forms
- Special Education Software

### Technical Services

Provides district staff the support, resources, and solutions needed to successfully leverage technology.

#### Services Enrolled In:

- Remote Back Up Service
- Email and Spam Filtering Software
- LAN/WAN/Technical Support (Field Technicians)
- Hardware Maintenance and Repair
- Mobile Device Management

#### Did you know Technical Services also offers:

- Cloud System Support
- Directory Integration

## What is BOCES?

Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) supports school districts with comprehensive services to enhance the region's educational environment. We offer diverse instructional programming to K-12 students, provide career training to adult learners, and optimize school district performance through administrative services and technology integration.

We continuously look to the future to develop and evolve programs that align with the needs of our students, school districts, and region. At Erie 1 BOCES, we strive for excellence while bolstering the success of learners and our community.

## Mission

Erie 1 BOCES understands, anticipates, and responds to those we serve: our students, staff, and community.



- Enrollment data is from 2024-25
- Projected State Aid payment based on 2023-24 participation
- Duplication of student counts may occur due to dual enrollment

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