



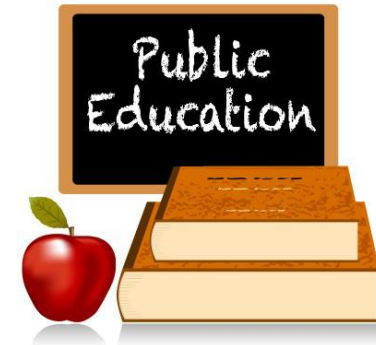
Monroe County Education Coalition Steering Committee
&
Democrat and Chronicle Editorial Board

May 9, 2016



Agenda:

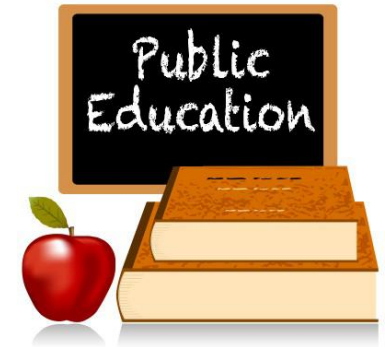
- ❖ Welcome and Introductions
- ❖ What is MCEC?
 - Function
 - Mission
 - Membership
- ❖ What would like to share with you today?
 - Good News about Public Education
 - Current Challenges for Public Education



What is the Monroe County Education Coalition?

MCEC is a partnership of the major stakeholders in public education in Monroe County . Established in 1995, this group collaborates on common issues to:

- Increase community awareness and support for our excellent local public schools;
- Increase community awareness of societal issues that impact children's ability to learn;
- Encourage coalitions and teamwork among members;
- Seek funding to support public education;
- Advocate on specific pieces of legislation that we agree do not benefit public school students.

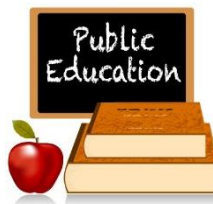


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Who Do We Represent and How Do We Work Together?

Monroe County Public Schools:

- Are the 2nd largest employer in the county with 22,206 full time employees;
- Serve 724,485 community members;
- Collaborate with each other and with towns, villages, the city of Rochester and the county to save money in the areas of health insurance, equipment, fuel, utilities and supplies;
- Return 88% of revenue generated back into the community to support local business.



The Good News about Public Education in Monroe County

- **The National Association of Music Merchants** ranked the Top Communities for music education. 10 schools districts in Monroe County were listed; Brighton, Churchville-Chili, East Irondequoit, Greece, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush-Henrietta, Webster and West Irondequoit.
- **The US News and World Report** rankings for NYS state schools have 6 MC schools; Pittsford, Brighton, Penfield, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Fairport and West Irondequoit.
- **The Washington Post** listed 7 MC schools in the 100 most challenging schools in NYS; Pittsford Mendon HS, Brighton HS, Pittsford Sutherland HS, Webster Thomas HS, Honeoye-Falls Lima HS, West Irondequoit HS and East Irondequoit HS.
- The combined **graduation rate** for all of Monroe County Schools (NYSED, 2015) is 88%, higher than the national rate of 82% and the state average of 78%.
- According to **Education Week's 2016 "Quality Counts"** report card, NYS schools rank 9th in the nation with a grade of B-, but for equity in K-12 achievement, NYS received an A- (this grade is based on both poverty achievement gaps and progress in closing those gaps).



The Fiscal Challenges of Public Education in Monroe County

- ❖ The Tax Cap
 - ✓ Tied to the CPI
 - ✓ Tax Cap “fix” legislated but never implemented
 - ✓ Tied to rebates
 - ✓ Requires supermajority for override

- ❖ Frozen Foundation Aid Formula
 - ✓ Since 2009, schools have been denied needed funding
 - ✓ GEA now gone, but funding issues remain

- ❖ Continued Mandates
 - ✓ APPR changes need to be negotiated and implemented yearly
 - ✓ English Language Learners requirements have substantially increased
 - ✓ Special Education enrollment has increased as have costs to support these students

- ❖ Increased Poverty across the entire county (source: NYSED, 2015)
 - ✓ Economically Disadvantaged in 17 suburban districts = 31%
 - ✓ Economically Disadvantaged in RCSD = 91%



Implications of Fiscal Challenges

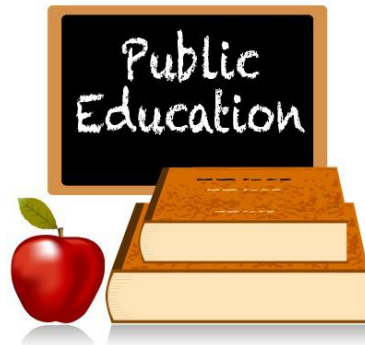
Non Mandated Programs at risk

- ❖ Project Lead the Way and other STEM initiatives
- ❖ AP course opportunities
- ❖ IB opportunities
- ❖ School to Career options
- ❖ College Partnership programs
- ❖ Community Partnership programs
- ❖ Pre-K and Kindergarten programs
- ❖ Athletics and Music





THANK YOU!



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