

# TASK FORCE

## BULLETIN

November 2014

*The Task Force Bulletin is a monthly publication highlighting the work of the Dutchess BOCES Task Forces. District Superintendent John Pennoyer created the Task Forces in the 2013-14 school year in conjunction with the development of the BOCES Long-Range Strategic Plan (2013-2015).*

### Partnerships & Alternative Funding



Congratulations are in order, to Linda Heitmann and the Educational Resources staff for the grant award in the amount of \$1,500,000 for "STLE-D" to support Principal Leadership Professional Development.

Congratulations are also due to Liz Hayter and the ALI staff for winning another Title II Grant in the amount of \$182,000; and to Mitch Shron and the CTI staff for their \$247,000 Perkins Grant!

The Task Force is continuing to update the list of partners. We are adding a new feature—an expectation or goal for each partnership. Partnerships evolve and we want to make sure our list of names doesn't fall out of date. We will track type, frequency and reciprocity of involvement with partners.

We are off to a good start with the CTI Community Open House on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Partners including United Way and CAPE participated, and BOCES has participated in events sponsored by both of those organizations.

We continue to expand our participation with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District and the Bard Institute for Writing and Thinking as a part of the Big Read. ALI hosted a workshop entitled "Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451: An Imagined World or Today's Reality?" and we will distribute 150 copies of the book to Adult Education students working to earn their high school equivalency. Thanks also to the Chamber of Commerce, we were able to disseminate information at their Social Media event.

Join us for any of our sessions on Superintendent's Conference Day, November 4<sup>th</sup> (see schedule). Feel free to send ideas to [sherre.wesley@dcboces.org](mailto:sherre.wesley@dcboces.org).

### Web Site Task Force

The Web Site Task Force continues to work towards an updated site that will prompt additional interest and streamline information.

The committee welcomed new participants at our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting where the divisions and schools provided everyone with an update regarding their content.

Several new design ideas for various sections of the site were shared and demonstrated. These new ideas prompted the committee to discuss the overall look and feel of the site and how to keep it fresh and engaging.



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## Professional Development

At our October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the Professional Development Task Force reviewed an impressive number of new programs including the Treasurer’s Roundtable; PBIS Coaches Academy; Digital Learning Tools; Grant Writing for Teachers; Managing and Building Budgets; OSHA Certification; Substitute Teacher Training and Emergency Preparedness.

The latter is being hosted by our Human Resources division on November 18<sup>th</sup> at CTI, Room 301 from 2 to 4 p.m. It will be a two-hour interactive workshop providing training in preventive, supportive and corrective actions appropriate for our substitute teachers.

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## Communications & Public Relations Task Force

Our Communications and Public Relations Task Force is established to work on broadening the BOCES image and developing a coordinated set of activities.

We’ve generated four sub-groups to assist in achieving these tasks and activities:  
*Message; Social Media; Community Events; Agency Events.*

The “Message” sub-group is creating a Media Kit, including:

- Backgrounder with historical information on the BOCES
- Fact Sheet listing specific features, statistics, and benefits
- Past press coverage
- Photos or other images, and other collateral advertising material, such as: postcards, flyers, newspaper ads, etc.

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Don’t forget to buy your T-shirt!  
Contact Brian Conte for details, at 486-8001

## Upcoming Professional Development Events

### **Data Made Easy (STLE2)**

November 3, 2014 at SPC - Room 136  
Hosted by Model Schools

### **Effects of Health and Wellness (STLE2)**

November 4, 2014 at CTI - Room 301  
Hosted by Educational Resources (ER)

### **Adapting to the Common Core:**

#### **How to use the ELA Modules in Preparation for the CC Regents Exam (STLE2)**

November 10, 2014 at CTI - Room 301  
Hosted by Educational Resources (ER)

### **Moving Beyond Tolerance: Creating School Experiences that Honor All Students**

November 10, 2014 at Mount Saint Mary College / Hudson Hall Auditorium  
Hosted by Mid-Hudson School Studies Council and Mount Saint Mary College

### **Substitute Teacher Training and Emergency Preparedness**

November 18, 2014 at CTI - Room 301  
Hosted by Human Resources (HR)

### **NYS Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential Conference**

November 20, 2014 at The Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center, FDR Presidential Library  
Hosted by RSE-TASC



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