

**BY:** Senator STEC

**CONGRATULATING** James P. Dexter upon the occasion of his retirement after 12 years of distinguished service as Superintendent of Schools for the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES

**WHEREAS,** New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate James P. Dexter upon the occasion of his retirement after 12 years of distinguished service as Superintendent of Schools for the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES; and

**WHEREAS,** Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex (WSWHE) BOCES programs give students the opportunity to graduate from high school with technical experience, professional skills, national industry certifications and college credit in a wide variety of high-demand occupations; and

**WHEREAS,** Through a hands-on academic component in each classroom, career and technical education students are able to integrate academics into their curriculum to meet their high school graduation requirements; many of the career academies are nationally accredited and feature leading-edge technology, as well as instructors with the latest trade experience; and

**WHEREAS,** James P. Dexter earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Fredonia School of Music and a master's degree in educational psychology from the College of St. Rose, where he also completed coursework for his school administrative certificate; he once again furthered his education by taking classes for his School District Certificate at St. Lawrence University; and

**WHEREAS,** James P. Dexter has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in administration, serving as the Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Special Services with the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES in Malone, New York; from July of 2005 through 2010, he was the Superintendent for Ichabod Crane Central School District in Valatie, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** After leaving Columbia County, James P. Dexter returned to Northern New York, holding the title of Superintendent of Schools for

the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES, the position from which he will officially retire in 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his tenure, James P. Dexter has planned, administered and supervised a cooperative service for 31 districts, plus the BOCES, whereby districts operate efficiently to educate a wide segment of the population without discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** James P. Dexter was the recipient of several awards and accolades including the 2021 BOCES District Superintendent Extraordinary Service Award from the Rural Schools Association of New York State and the 2022 National School Development (NSDC) Cooperative Leadership Award for his exemplary efforts to establish cooperative relationships with other educational agencies or study councils in the course of creating educational programs for the nation's schools; and

**WHEREAS,** From 2015-2021, James P. Dexter served on the CASDA Executive Committee, and in 2018, he attended the United States Army Commanding General's National Educators Tour in Fort Hood, Texas, to learn about opportunities for soldiers; and

**WHEREAS,** For 12 years, James P. Dexter has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES; throughout his distinguished career, he has had a profound impact on the education of thousands of students; and

**WHEREAS,** In his much-deserved retirement, James P. Dexter is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Catherine, and their daughters, Elizabeth and Meghan in their new home in Florida; an avid sports fan, he enjoys rooting for the Adirondack Thunder hockey team and the Buffalo Bills; and

**WHEREAS,** As a driving force for career and technical education throughout the north country and across the State of New York; James P. Dexter has proudly served as a dynamic, compelling and respected role model for others by virtue of both his professional and personal commitment to making the world a better place to live, work and play; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate James P. Dexter upon the occasion of his retirement after 12 years of distinguished service as Superintendent of Schools for the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES, and to wish him great success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James P. Dexter.