

Board of Cooperative Educational Services-BOCES

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- 1910 New York Legislature created 208 supervisory districts.
- 1911 The office of the District Superintendent was created. There were 11,000 common school districts. Permissive legislation allowed consolidation.
- 1917 Mandatory approach was enacted, making towns the unit of governance and support of schools.
- 1924 Central Rural School Act hastened consolidation.
- 1935 Federal Public Works Administration assisted with building costs.
- 1946 Joint legislative committee prepared master plan for school districts
1947 reorganization.
- 1948 Intermediate District Law was enacted. 13 BOCES were established within the 177 supervisory districts.
- 1953 152 Supervisory Districts and District Superintendents, 51 BOCES.
- 1955 BOCES authorized to rent facilities.
- 1958 BOCES allowed to provide services to the handicapped.
- 1963 City Districts under 125,000 permitted to join BOCES.
- 1967 BOCES permitted to acquire real property.
- 1968 Construction of Occupational Education Buildings: Jefferson and Lewis counties
1969
- 1970 51 BOCES within 53 supervisory districts. Supervisory District #3 merged with Supervisory District #2.
Retirement: Earl E. Chisamore.
- 1971 48 BOCES/supervisory districts made coterminous. Merger of First Supervisory District of Jefferson County with
Second Supervisory District of Jefferson County. Retirement: Earl B. French. Expanded district for Elwood R.
Forrester.
- 1972 Intermediate School Act changed to Boards of Cooperative Educational Services.
- 1973 Sole Supervisory District of Jefferson County merged with Sole Supervisory District of Lewis County. Retirement:
Elwood R. Forrester. Appointment of Dr. Kenneth E. Ford, District Superintendent. Effective June 30, 1973.
- 1976 725 school districts out of 746 are members of BOCES. BOCES organized into 13 regions. Merger of school
districts from Hamilton, Herkimer, and Oneida counties. Effective January 14, 1976.
- 1984 Announcement of the expansion of Fort Drum.
- 1994 38 BOCES in existence. Additional BOCES Reform Legislation passed.
- 2007 37 BOCES in existence. Additional BOCES Reform Legislation passed.