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Dear Component School Board Member,

Each and every day, Capital Region BOCES strives to fulfill its mission of providing educational leadership, services and support to meet the needs of our students and school districts. We do this through collaboration and partnership with our component school districts, to develop and deliver the innovative programs and services most needed today and tomorrow.

This focus on the future is evident in all that we do, with the Career and Technical Education Extension Center being a prime example. Currently under construction and on track to open in time for the start of the 2025-26 school year, this site will enable BOCES to meet the ever-increasing demand for Career and Technical Education programs with a slate of expanded offerings.

We hope you are able to **join us at the Annual Meeting on April 9, 2025, at 6 p.m.** to learn more about the proposed administrative budget. This year, the Annual Meeting will be held at our Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical Education Center, 925B Albany-Shaker Road, Albany. We are pleased that once again, students in our culinary arts program will prepare and serve dinner. If you have not already made a reservation to attend the Annual Meeting, please contact Mary Beth Bruno at [mary.bruno@neric.org](mailto:mary.bruno@neric.org).

Each component school district's Board of Education will vote on April 23, 2025, on Capital Region BOCES' proposed \$15,674,431 administrative budget for 2025-26. Component board members will also elect four candidates to the BOCES Board of Education. Voting will take place at a regular or special meeting of each component school board.

You can learn more about the proposal and how it supports our guiding commitments of Service, Value, Excellence, Improvement and Leadership by reviewing the attached budget newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions, please contact us at 518-862-4901. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren J. Gemmill".

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