

Professional Development Unit

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The Professional Development Unit (PDU) of the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES exists to strengthen teaching and learning in our region. The PDU provides on-site and regional staff development for teachers and administrators in all nine of our component districts. Through our services, districts have access to high-quality, research-based, and customized opportunities for learning.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



SERVICES

Integrated Professional Learning

The **Integrated Professional Learning Service** provides coaching, training, and reflection on classroom teaching. Three Professional Learning Coaches provide on-site staff development for improved instructional practices, thus improving student achievement. Professional Learning Coaches serve in a non-evaluative and confidential capacity and offer supports such as:

- Implementation of Common Core Learning Standards
- Using data for continuous improvement
- Implementation of instructional best practices aligned to CCLS
- Developing 21st Century Skills

This service also includes a fixed number of on-site professional development days. Participating districts can use their Professional Learning Coach to conduct visitations and provide feedback on instructional strategies, model lessons, consult on instructional design, conduct workshops, and more. Additionally, the service provides districts with unlimited access to all regional workshops.

Comprehensive School Improvement

Through the **Comprehensive School Improvement Service**, districts have access to collaborative staff development activities between component districts and other BOCES. This service also provides professional development opportunities uniquely designed for administrators. The Comprehensive School Improvement service provides opportunities such as:

- Administrative coaching
- Leadership training
- Retreats for district, building, and program administrators
- Board of Education training

All leadership professional development is aligned to the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards.



STATS & FACTS:

The PDU provided over **430** days of on-site professional development, as well as over **15** regional workshops to teachers in our **nine** component districts last year!

Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES is one of the few BOCES in the state that offers virtually all of its professional development programs directly in your schools and classrooms. All services are custom-designed to match the district, building, and teachers' goals.



High-quality professional development is at the center of every modern proposal to enhance education.

-Dr. Thomas Guskey

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Component School Districts

Auburn Enlarged City School District
Cato-Meridian Central School District
Jordan-Elbridge Central School District
Moravia Central School District
Port Byron Central School District
Skaneateles Central School District
Southern Cayuga Central School District
Union Springs Central School District
Weedsport Central School District

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 BOCES services are created when two or more school districts have **similar needs** that can be met by a shared program. Sharing programs and services enables school districts to **maximize opportunities** for students and **improve efficiencies** in operations.
- 2 The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES became the **first LEED certified public school** in New York State in 2009 when it was awarded **LEED Silver Certification**.