

# Suffolk Region Education Report:

## October 2021

The Board of Regents meeting for October was held today, October 18, 2021 so there are no real updates on that front.

On September 21, 2021, U.S. Department of Education Honors 19 New York Schools as 2021 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Jericho and Commack are the two on Long Island.

[http://www.nysed.gov/news/2021/us-department-education-honors-19-new-york-schools-2021-national-blue-ribbon-schools?fbclid=IwAR2S6XX0IqM55PL35\\_Rvb5Kve96IqQi3LDvJJFfxYNHb0Ho7RKvuYJ6ZVVeI](http://www.nysed.gov/news/2021/us-department-education-honors-19-new-york-schools-2021-national-blue-ribbon-schools?fbclid=IwAR2S6XX0IqM55PL35_Rvb5Kve96IqQi3LDvJJFfxYNHb0Ho7RKvuYJ6ZVVeI)

On September 23, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul allocated \$59 million for the new Clean Green Schools initiative, which aims to advance clean energy and energy efficiency solutions that will improve indoor air quality and reduce emissions for more than 500 public and private Pre-K-12 schools in disadvantaged communities across the state.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-59-million-clean-green-schools-initiative-improve-air-quality-and>

October is Bullying Prevention Month. On October 8, “National Day of the Girl” NYSED recently released guidance on the CROWN Act with information that can be used in classrooms to engage students and build understanding of the impact of racial discrimination, harassment, and bullying based on hairstyles.

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2021/honor-international-day-girl-state-education-department-issues-guidance-schools-regarding?fbclid=IwAR3517BVuu85qnb6eqpHVvyCxW3Fvec4HgpNRhe0bRiMkmt4e0XkkgVf3w>

October is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In honor of this the NYS Education department is honoring 55 businesses throughout the state that do an outstanding job of employing individuals with disabilities.

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2021/education-department-recognizes-55-employers-individuals-disabilities>

**I encourage everyone to follow the New York State Department of Education page on Facebook. They have lots of good info and articles.**