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BUSINESS PARTNERS INSIGHTS

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Our periodic newsletter highlights the expertise and support CNYSBA business partners provide to our public schools.

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Welcome to our newest business partner!

For over 100 years, we've made it our business to be your partner in problem-solving. By utilizing our in-house architecture and engineering expertise, we help create environments where people live, learn, sleep, and work.



Nothing is more important than seeing our clients succeed, and this commitment forms the bedrock of our long-lasting relationships.

[Learn more about the company's K-12 portfolio](#)



LeChase completes capital improvements in two central NY districts

Serving as Agency CM, LeChase Construction recently completed successful capital improvement projects in the Baldwinsville and Liverpool Central School Districts.

In Baldwinsville, \$18.5 million in additions and renovations were made to three schools and a library. At Baker High School, crews replaced the roof and windows, completely renovated the auditorium and installed turf in the outdoor stadium. Improvements to Durgee Junior High School included a renovated bus loop and exterior LED lighting, while at Ray Middle School workers replaced the water heater and boiler and converted the building to digital HVAC systems. All three schools received fire alarm and telephone upgrades. Repairs to the Baldwinsville public library included light masonry, caulking and flashing.

In Liverpool, the district's \$37.9 million capital project included installation of a TPO roof membrane system at Liverpool High School and complete replacement of roofing, plumbing, water/gas/stormwater piping and electrical systems at the Chestnut Middle and Elementary Schools. Other improvements included select structural reinforcement; renovation of public address systems, security systems and alarms; and interior renovations to walls, windows, cabinetry, classrooms, bathrooms and lockers in various buildings. Currently, LeChase is working with the Liverpool CSD on its next phase of improvements, which include extensive renovations at the transportation center and additional work at the high school.

Committed to filling STEM pipeline



Chances are you've heard or seen the many advertisements that tout SRC, Inc. is hiring engineers, computer science and other technical professionals.

These positions are right here in CNY and they need qualified candidates. That's why SRC, working in conjunction with Partners for Education and Business (PEB), hosts many STEM events and activities for middle school and high school students - to start the interest early and build a pipeline of our own students to hire.

SRC also invites educators to help make connections about what various STEM careers entail. Since the beginning of the school year, more than 100 students and educators have visited the SRC campus to speak with STEM professionals and learn more about the technology used in the industry. They took a tour of the facility, learned about different products, participated in STEM activities, and asked questions about what it's like to be an engineer. At the end of one day, a student shared that he now wanted to pursue a career in electrical engineering. This was a result of being exposed to various disciplines of engineering during the program and it changed his career path!

SRC, PEB, and many other CNY companies promote STEM exploration to help students find their career spark. They have several upcoming events planned to connect students and educators with business and invite all districts to get involved:

- The second annual ["CNY Innovation Challenge"](#) registration is open until mid-February and the competition will be held on April 7 at Onondaga Community College.
- Company-hosted [STEM Days](#) to explain the need for qualified STEM candidates and to provide an inside look at what STEM careers entail.
- [Career Nights](#) give students a chance to talk to STEM professionals from different companies about various technical career paths in a school setting. Open to all high school students in CNY. Four nights left this year:
 - March 29 at East Syracuse Minoa High School, April 9 at Morrisville-Eaton High School, May 3 at West Genesee and May 9 at Camden High School.
- [STEM Scholarships](#) with guaranteed internships to selected outstanding local students who choose to pursue certain STEM degrees (based on company need). Deadline to apply Feb. 28.

By engaging students and educators to learn more about STEM career possibilities, the opportunities will become apparent and encourage more students to choose a career path that can end with a job in CNY!

[Learn more about upcoming STEM initiatives in our community or to connect with businesses who are hiring qualified candidates](#)

Successful CNYSBA 'Mental Health in Education' Seminar Series Concluded

In response to CNYSBA member feedback and the successful program introduction in March 2017, many joined us for three interactive, multidimensional and in-depth forums in the fall of 2017. The focus was on defining and exploring mental health needs in schools, identifying training opportunities for educators, discussing mental health and suicide prevention curricula and resources, and investigating the link between mental health and the opium and heroin epidemics.



Support for this program made possible by a special grant from our business partner, **Ashley McGraw Architects**, which we greatly appreciate.

[Learn more about this seminar series](#)

CNYSBA Business Partners in the News

- [King+King Architects](#) celebrate 150 year anniversary
- [Bond, Schoeneck & King](#) ranked in nation's top law firms for client service
- [C&S Companies](#) receives ACEC engineering excellence award for school district energy improvements

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