



# **CNYSBA Business Partner Insights**

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Welcome to **CNYSBA Business Partner Insights**, a periodic newsletter that shares useful information and the expertise of the Central New York School Boards Association's business partners.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

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**\* NYS SCHOOLS CAN LEVERAGE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING \* UNDERSTANDING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT \* CHANGE IN NYS LAW AFFECTS SCHOOLS \* THE POWER OF VULNERABILITY**



**THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK:** New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation in August designed to help schools and other government institutions save money by

taking advantage of cooperative purchasing networks. The law could provide much-needed relief for schools looking to cut costs. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.](#)



**GROSSMAN ST. AMOUR CPAs, PLLC (formerly Green & Seifter):** In recent months, there has been a lot of talk and media coverage about the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) and the Health Insurance Exchange Program. The *employer* ACA mandate scheduled to take effect in 2014 has been delayed to 2015. The *individual* Affordable Care Act mandate will take effect in 2014 as scheduled (no delay). The Health Insurance Exchange Program begins taking applications for enrollment on October. 1. Employers and individuals need to understand the requirements of the ACA. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.](#)



**BOND, SCHOENECK & KING, PLLC:** With a new school year underway, we want to remind school districts about a change in the law that went into effect over the summer months. General Municipal Law prescribes the process to serve notices of claim on municipal corporations in New York, including school districts. Recently, the law was amended to allow individuals to file notices of claim against school districts with the Secretary of State, who now serves as an agent of municipal corporations for this purpose. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.](#)



**KING + KING ARCHITECTS:** As a board member, you need to have your fingers on the pulse of your community, students, and staff - but don't forget about yourself. The decisions you make matter -- today and to the future generations that follow. Our ability to effectively lead and provide transformational change that will last is dependent on our level of self-awareness and courageous willingness to be transparent and vulnerable in all our circumstances.

This month's resource is from TEDxHouston 2010 and features Brene Brown on the Power of Vulnerability. An inspiring, courageous, and beautiful presentation on *how we tick and why*.

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Please join us in welcoming a new Business Partner, [The Cooperative Purchasing Network](#). TCPN, based in Houston, Texas, is a national governmental purchasing cooperative whose contracts are competitively bid, evaluated, and awarded by a government entity serving in the lead agency role. We look forward to seeing TCPN's Regional Program Manager, Mike Grade, at some of CNYSBA's future programs and events.



Thank you for your support of **CNYSBA**. Thanks to you, we are able to help school board members enhance the skills needed to fulfill their significant responsibilities to their students and schools. Dollars from the Partner program directly support the many annual professional and leadership development programs offered by **CNYSBA**.

Do you know of another community business interested in partnership opportunities? Please share our brochure with them! [\*\*CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD BROCHURE.\*\*](#)

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