



Dr. Godshall was nominated for the New York Superintendent of the Year by Orleans/Niagara BOCES School Board President Becky Albright. She said,

“Dr. Godshall is a role model for all educational leaders. His expertise, talent and creativity are examples to other educators, parents, community members and students. Dr. Godshall has served as the District Superintendent of the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the past 14 years, having total service of 24 years at the BOCES. During his tenure as our educational leader, Clark has always far exceeded expectations in all of his responsibilities. He is a superintendent's superintendent!”

Council Executive Director, Dr. Robert Reidy, Jr., said:

“Dr. Godshall is an outstanding leader, educator and champion for all of his diverse constituencies: school districts, school boards, staff, parents and children. As a past president of THE COUNCIL and an executive board member of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Clark understands that strong leadership is the key to making sure each child in New York State has access to the highest quality educational experience. We are proud that he is representing THE COUNCIL at the national level for this prestigious award.”

Dr. Godshall has served as the BOCES District Superintendent of the Orleans/Niagara BOCES since 2000. With a service area enrollment of more than 38,000, Orleans/Niagara BOCES is consistently ranked as one of the top BOCES in the state:

- Operates the third largest career and technical education BOCES and regional summer school in New York State;
- Career and technical education graduation rate is consistently more than 93 percent and the BOCES exceeds the state and national average student performance with over 161 students receiving their Technical Endorsement Seal;
- Orleans/Niagara BOCES is the only BOCES in New York State to receive frequent national recognition for their fiscal management from ASBO International and Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA);
- The current LPN program had a 100% passing rate for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS),
- Their Adult Literacy Program is ranked number one in New York State. It has grown from 500 to 3,000 and served over 2,000 people this year alone.

While at the Orleans/Niagara BOCES, Godshall has worked with his team to:

- Standardize programs against state and national benchmarks to align with state and federal standards while using data to effectively monitor students' progress and success.
- Develop an effective continuum of services for students with special needs focused on mainstreaming, integrated classrooms and ensuring that service follows needs.
- Expand program offerings to include new programs – Baking, Fashion Design/Interior Design, Certified Personal Trainer and Heavy Equipment/Diesel/Agricultural Mechanical programs.
- Offer over 80 collegiate articulation agreements for high school students to gain higher education credit prior to graduation.

- Supports a high school alternative education program enabling at-risk students to graduate with a Regents and Advanced Regents diplomas.
- Promote the importance of shared services to maximize local school districts capacity to offer shared administrators, employee benefits' consortiums, energy and purchasing co-ops, shared media and printing services, along with safety services to both schools and other agencies.
- Broaden the eco-friendly focus through an increase in energy savings programs; installation of systems to shut down all computers and control building temperatures.
- Conducted and facilitated over 50 professional administrator searches on behalf of regional districts.
- Broaden communication to reach more people through an enhanced website and the use of Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter.
- Facilitate a variety of partnerships with businesses, civic organizations, hospitals, and governmental organizations to collaborate on the provision of services and supports for students.
- Develop fiscally responsible budgets, yielding one of the lowest average budget increases over the past four years, while preserving or enhancing programs in the face of spiraling reductions in state aid. Continually recognized as a state model of financial management for a school entity.
- Construct and renovate facilities, all on schedule and under budget, including new component district special educational space in centralized locations.

Dr. Godshall has had an extensive career as an educational leader. He served as:

- Secondary Science Teacher: Chemistry, Biology, and Earth Science, Hilton NY;
- Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Penn Yan Central School District for five years;
- Assistant District Superintendent for Administration, Orleans-Niagara BOCES, 1989-2000;
- Adjunct Professor, SUNY at Brockport and University of Rochester since 1990;
- A frequent author and presenter on educational matters and governance issues.

He has received numerous recognitions including:

- 2007 Niagara University Administrator of the Year
- 2000 Phi Delta Kappa Leadership Award
- Outstanding Service Award- New York State ASBO
- *Women in Administration* Mentorship Award
- Commissioned Kentucky Colonel
- Commander with the United State Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons

Dr. Godshall has served as:

- President and member the Executive Committee of the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBOI), 2002
- President and member the Executive Committee of the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS), 2009
- President and member the Executive Committee of the Association of New York School Business Officials (NYASBO)
- Member of the Executive and Governing Board Member of the American Association of School Administrators

- NCERT National Board of Directors
- New York State Governor's appointee to Task Force on Driver Education
- Chairman of the Genesee Community College (GCC) Advisory Board

Dr. Godshall is a graduate of St. John Fisher College and received his Masters and Doctorate degrees from the University of Rochester with advance designations from Cornell University. He and his wife, Dr. Barbara M. Godshall, reside in Barker, New York.

The Superintendent of the Year Award was established in 1988 by the American Association of School Administrators and is co-sponsored by the ARAMARK Education and the ING Foundation.

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