

# OCM BOCES Fact Sheet

OCM BOCES operates similarly to a typical school district. It is governed by a BOCES Board similar to a Board of Education. The CEO is the District Superintendent and OCM BOCES employs school administrators to manage its programs, teachers and instructional support staff to provide instruction and non-instructional support staff to support programs.

→ **Number of Component School Districts Served** – 23 (some OCM BOCES services are also provided to the Syracuse City and Syracuse Diocese schools.)

→ **Geographic Area Served** – School districts in the following counties:

Onondaga County–Baldwinsville, East Syracuse-Minoa, Fabius-Pompey, Fayetteville-Manlius, Jamesville-Dewitt, LaFayette, Liverpool, Lyncourt, Marcellus, North Syracuse, Onondaga Central, Solway, Tully, West Genesee, Westhill

Cortland County–Cincinnatus, Cortland, Homer, Marathon, McGraw

Madison County–Cazenovia, Chittenango, DeRuyter

→ **OCM BOCES Ranking by K-12 Student Base** – 9th largest out of 38 (63,820 students)

→ **OCM BOCES Ranking by Square Miles Area Served** – 14th out of 38 (1,433 square miles)

→ **OCM BOCES Ranking by Number of Districts Served** – 8th out of 38

→ **Major OCM BOCES Locations** –

Irvin E. Henry Educational Campus–Syracuse, NY  
(location of Central Administration offices)

Lee G. Peters Career Training Center–Liverpool, NY

McEvoy Educational Campus–Cortland, NY

Kasson Road School–Marcellus, NY

Center for New Careers–Cortland, NY

→ **OCM BOCES Divisions** –

Administration/Management Services, Alternative Education, Educational Communications, Employer/Employee Relations, Instructional Support Services, Workforce Preparation, Adult & Continuing Education, Operations and Maintenance, School Quality Services, Regional Information Center, Special Education

→ **OCM BOCES Employees** –

Total Employees .....	785
Administrative .....	75
Teaching/Instructional Support .....	450
Non-Instructional Support .....	260

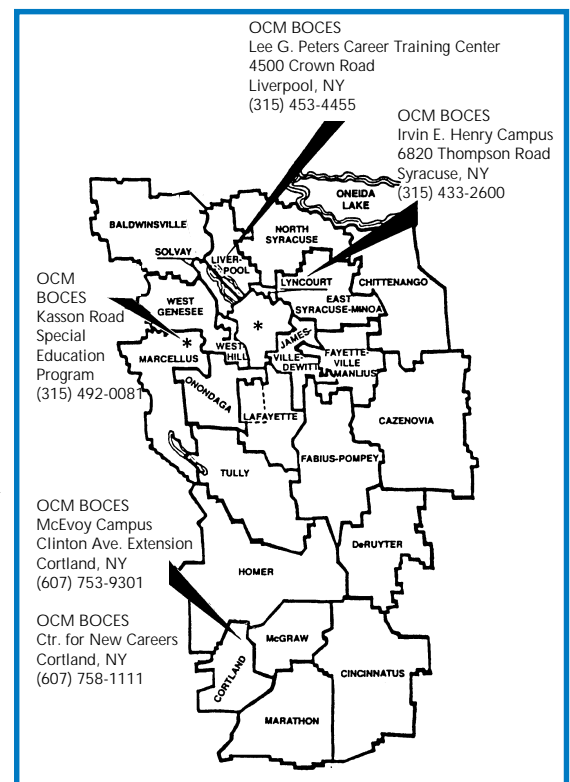
→ **District Superintendent** – Jessica F. Cohen, Ph.D.

→ **OCM BOCES Board Members** – 11 members; the BOCES Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month

→ **OCM BOCES Mission Statement** – The mission of the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES is to develop and provide educational programs and services of the highest quality for school districts and the community.

→ **OCM BOCES Slogan** – “Committed To Your Success”

→ **OCM BOCES Web Site** – [www.ocmboces.org](http://www.ocmboces.org)



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→ **What are BOCES?**

- ◆ BOCES, or Boards Of Cooperative Educational Services, are cooperative associations of school districts in a geographic area (component districts) which have banded together to provide educational or business services more economically than each could offer by itself (shared service). BOCES were created by the NYS Legislature in 1948 under Section 1950 of the NYS Education Law.
- ◆ There are 38 BOCES in New York State.
- ◆ All but 13 of the 710 operating school districts in New York are members of a BOCES. Of the 13, 8 are eligible to become members of BOCES.
- ◆ BOCES membership is not available to the Big Five large city school districts (New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Yonkers).
- ◆ The governing body of BOCES is by a BOCES Board.
- ◆ Component districts are eligible to receive BOCES aid for approved service costs provided at least 2 component districts request a BOCES service.

→ **How are the members of the BOCES Board elected?**

- ◆ BOCES Board members are elected by resolution of component school district Boards of Education, on a ballot prepared by the BOCES Clerk. BOCES Board members are elected by a plurality of votes cast.
- ◆ Board members are elected to 3 year terms of office commencing on the first day of July following their election.
- ◆ In order to be eligible for membership on a BOCES Board, a candidate must reside within the boundaries of a component school district. However, a candidate need not be a member of a component district school board. No employee of a component district is eligible for BOCES board membership. However, a BOCES employee may serve as a board member of a component school district.

**For more information on Boards of Cooperative Educational Services  
visit the New York State Education Department's web page at  
[www.emsc.nysed.gov/mgtserv/BOCES/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/mgtserv/BOCES/)**

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