

# Office of Early Learning Newsletter

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## School District Awardees for EPK Round 4

Amsterdam City School District	Lyncourt Union Free School District
Batavia City School District	Lyndonville Central School District
Bolivar-Richburg Central School District	Niagara Falls City School District
Brocton Central School District	New York City Public Schools
Chittenango Central School District	Peru Central School District
Dansville Central School District	PhelpsClifton Springs Central School
East Ramapo Central School District (Spring Valley)	Rensselaer City School District
Freeport Union Free School District	Rochester City School District
Geneva City School District	Schenectady City School District
GorhamMiddlesex Central School District (Marcus Whitman)	Waverly Central School District
Greenwich Central School District	WheatlandChili Central School District
Honeoye Central School District	Whitney Point Central School District
Hornell City School District	Windsor Central School

### Standards Resources

The New York State Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Learning Standards: A Resource for School Success are now available. These grade-specific resources consolidate all learning standards into one comprehensive document that provides a uniform format to make them easily accessible for teachers, specialists, administrators and parents.

From a planning perspective, these documents highlight the importance of addressing children's development and learning across all developmental domains. These resources are not a curriculum, assessment, or set of teaching strategies but rather, resources for the learning that students should accomplish by the end of prekindergarten, kindergarten, first, and second grade. These resources should be used in conjunction with the full articulation of the standards.

Please refer to the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards website for-9b/4u4e6 ((.)]Ts2.3 (s)7 (it)3 ( t)28.7



## NYS What's Great in Our State Nominations for Children's Mental Health Work

As part of the 2020 New York State What's Great in Our State (WGIOS) celebration on May 5, 2020, the planning committee for the Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is seeking nominations to honor individuals, communities, schools, and organizations across New York State that are making a difference in the field of children and youth mental health.

This year's theme is "20/20: Children's Mental Health Coming into Focus." The annual recognition focuses on the following six categories: Youth/Young Adult, Family/Caregiver, Lifetime, Systems of Care, Community Organization or Community Group, and School.

Please contact Kate Provencher via email [Kathryn.Provencher@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Provencher@omh.ny.gov) for more information. The deadline for nominations is February 24, 2020. Awardees will be recognized at the WGIOS celebration event on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, from 8:30 am to 3:30 p.m. at the Sanders Mansion in Scotia, New York. The day will include workshops as well as recognition of the 2020 Honorees.

### Coming Soon Professional Development Videos

In November and December of 2019, OEL in partnership with WMHT and CUNY offered professional learning opportunities that provided strategies to support the development of 21st century learning skills for P-3 educators, instructional coaches, and administrators. Four of the sessions were recorded and will be coming soon to the OEL website. Presentations that will be available include Janis Strasser, Rebecca Isbell, and Miriam Beloglovsky whose books are below and featured during the event.

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