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## Erie County Association of School Boards

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February 6, 2007

Dr. Catherine Collins  
Buffalo Board of Education  
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Dear Dr. Collins,

Thank you for your participation as a presenter in the *Workshop for Prospective Members of the Buffalo Board of Education (and their campaign managers!)* on Jan. 27 at the Community Foundation's Community Room.

As you saw, the turn out was excellent, and it was rewarding to see the interest and commitment so many people feel for Buffalo's future and its school children. Your presentation helped to make this workshop a resounding success for these participants.

As part of our grant from the Tower Foundation, ECASB is submitting a comprehensive evaluation of the event, based upon participants' survey responses. I am happy to share with you that of the 14 completed opinion forms, 10 said the workshop was "Excellent" and three said it was "Good." One opinion form did not have this category checked, but the responses to the rest of the questions were highly favorable. One individual who did not complete a survey was a woman who left the workshop during the morning break, saying she realized she did not have sufficient time to devote to the role of school board member. That is valuable insight to have before significant amounts of time, money and expectations are devoted to a campaign.

Overwhelmingly, the participants expressed gratitude for the depth and range of topics, and the knowledge and expertise of the speakers, and their willingness to share and inform. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, your insights and your time with so many people on a January day in Buffalo. It was clearly appreciated and valued by all.

Sincerely,

Jane Burzynski, APR  
Executive Director

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