



Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Smart Schools Public Symposium

- WHAT:** Public Symposium – Bridging the Broadband Divide in New York State
- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 12pm-2pm
- WHERE:** Fifth Floor Atrium, Clinical and Translational Research Center, University at Buffalo
875 Ellicott Street, Buffalo NY 14203
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Space is limited; please RSVP to SmartSchoolsRSVP@exec.ny.gov and include your name, organization, and email address.

Come hear from technology and education experts about innovative, successful approaches to school and community connectivity and technology-enabled education practices that can help to reimagine New York's public schools for the 21st century.

Currently scheduled speakers include:

- **David Salway, Director of the New York State Broadband Program Office**, will provide an overview of the state of broadband access in New York state along with specific examples of successful school and library connectivity projects.
- **Tiffany Zhou, Strategic Analysis Manager at EducationSuperHighway**, will present the latest national research regarding broadband access in schools, with specific emphasis on how schools can remove roadblocks to high-speed internet and promote digital learning.
- **John Windhausen, Executive Director of the Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB)**, will discuss the Coalition's work to help address the shortage of adequate broadband for anchor institutions and their communities and how communities can leverage high-capacity "Middle Mile" broadband networks as jumping off points to serve surrounding residential and business consumers.
- **Brenda Lehman, Technology Coordinator for the Marcus Whitman Central School District**, will discuss the steps that her rural school district in Ontario County took to get all of its schools and students connected to the internet.
- **Dr. Peter Turner, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Clarkson University**, will discuss the importance of broadband connectivity to STEM readiness with an emphasis on a unique collaboration in the

North Country, the St. Lawrence STEM Partnership, an effort that connects higher education and K-12 education stakeholders to enhance educational and economic opportunity for disadvantaged students.

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