

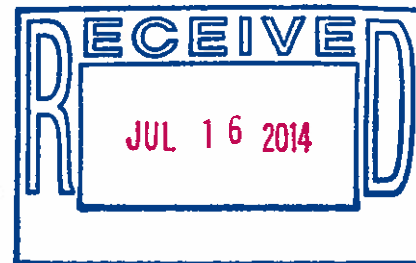


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Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) P-12: Office of Special Education, I would like to thank you for your June 23, 2104 presentation to the Board of Regents regarding the programs and services St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES provides to prepare students to earn the Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential.

Through your presentation it was clear that your programs were designed to increase positive post-secondary outcomes by meeting the unique needs of your students while supporting their attainment of the CDOS Commencement Credential. It was equally important to learn of the challenges your program faces as New York State continues to move forward in our effort to provide students with a credential that will recognize their work readiness skills.

Your enthusiasm for this work, pride in your student's successes and commitment to students with disabilities were evident to all in attendance.

Sincerely,

James P. DeLorenzo

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