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BOCES Board Tour Shows Depth of Services

Yorktown Heights — Board members from Brewster, Mahopac, Ossining, Somers, and the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association were treated to a tour of the Putnam/Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) campus in Yorktown this week, which began in the heart of the campus: the kitchen. The Educated Palate, BOCES' student-run gourmet restaurant, hosted a top-rate buffet-style breakfast, complete with wait service, after BOCES Superintendent Dr. Jim Langlois and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tom Higgins spoke about the impressive array of services BOCES has to offer.

In addition to the many areas of expertise BOCES provides to 18 area school districts and on-campus schools such as Pines Bridge, which helps the multiply disabled gain better control of their bodies and make the transition from school life to the real world, BOCES also boasts 29 career and technical programs for high school students, where they can learn, among other things, carpentry, plumbing, cosmetology, floral arranging — even how to fly a plane. And, of course, there's the Educated Palate, run by The Tech Center's Culinary Arts program, which gave guests a real "taste" of life at BOCES.

BOCES Superintendent Dr. Jim Langlois speaks to area board members at The Educated Palate, the Culinary Arts-student-run restaurant on the campus, during a BOCES tour.



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