



**2667 Greenfield Avenue  
Hamburg, NY 14075**

**February 19, 2026**

**Dear Local Business Owner:**

**On July 9, 2026, the BOCES Open Committee is proud to host the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual BOCES Open Golf Tournament at Chestnut Hill Country Club, in Darien Center, NY.**

**This exciting event is our opportunity to make a meaningful impact. Through various raffles, a basket and prize auction, we raise funds to support a local foundation dedicated to the enrichment and education of children. This year, we are thrilled to once again partner with the Erie 1 BOCES Educational Foundation which provides vital funding and support to teachers and students across 19 school districts.**

**We are currently seeking donations to ensure the success of our event. Contributing to our basket auction is a wonderful way to showcase your business and demonstrate your commitment to the community. Your business name will be prominently displayed on all donated items, providing valuable exposure. Additionally, we gratefully accept monetary donations.**

**Donations can be mailed to the above address, or we can arrange for pickup at your convenience. To coordinate, please call me at (716) 574-0863 or email me at [gmerlino@e1b.org](mailto:gmerlino@e1b.org).**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.**

**Warm Regards,**

**Garth Merlino  
BOCES Open Chairman  
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