

## MENTORING PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES February 11, 2019

We are very fortunate here in Seymour to be able to say that we truly partner with our community. All of our volunteers and mentors go through the intake process of the Seymour Public Schools just as we do with all people who have contact with our students.

Under the leadership of Mr. Ed Strumello, Vice Chair of the BOE, we have a very successful mentoring program for our elementary and middle school students. Mr. Strumello has partnered with dedicated staff members at the elementary schools as well as at our middle school in order to identify students who are in need of a mentor/role model figure to assist and encourage them. Mr. Strumello then reaches out to community members in order to gain their interest and support for this program. We are very grateful for this support and are happy to report that all students that were identified at the school level have been able to work with a mentor. Mr. Strumello and his team are always looking for additional mentors and if you are interested in supporting this wonderful cause, we would encourage you to reach out to him for further details.

We welcome anyone who wants to volunteer in our schools to support our students. The primary role of our volunteers is to assist our younger students with reading and math. These partnerships have a great impact on our students and we are lucky to have such dedicated individuals who are willing to help our students.