

Bob Bellacicco

When you work in television, people who have never met you think they know you because they see you almost every night, there in their living rooms.

The impression Bob Bellacicco leaves with viewers of CTV News is pleasant, friendly, knowledgeable and enthusiastic.

Bob is, actually, pleasant, friendly, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. He's the kind of guy you'd enjoy meeting in person.

It is not just for those agreeable qualities that we recognize Bob tonight, though that's certainly part of it. It is, also, for his efforts to celebrate school athletics in our community.

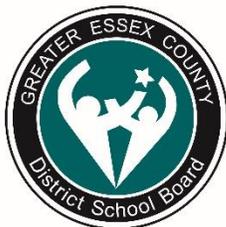
Before the network decided to remove a regular sports segment from its daily program, Bob consistently highlighted the exploits and achievements of school athletes and teams. He did as much as anyone in this area to elevate and empower young people by sharing, with his audience, their strength, grace and commitment as they competed for the pride of their schools.

Even now, Bob continues that pursuit with his personal enterprise, Powerplay Sports, using social media as the platform to engage others in his passion for school sports.

Bob's love of school sports goes back to his own experience at Assumption High School. He wasn't a star athlete. However, we are told that he was still a very popular student, especially with his female classmates.

Now, while we, at the public school board, can't claim Bob as one of our own, we have adopted him. Each year, since its inception, Bob has been the host of our Special Olympics Night of Champions celebration. He has volunteered his time and energy to make it a very special evening for everyone.

Bob Bellacicco has and continues to support the values, benefits and significance of school sports and for that we declare him a Champion for Education.



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