

High School Activity Report

August 24, 2006

1. Mr. Hansen and Natalie Fatica are extremely excited about Jodi D'Antonio, our substitute teacher for the Health Assistants class this year. Jodi appears to possess many qualities which will help ensure a smooth transition during Sherry States year-long sabbatical leave. Three days of new teacher orientation will be held prior to the first day of in-service on Thursday, August 24, 2006. Natalie Fatica and Mr. Hansen will organize the set of activities designed to provide Jodi with a support system which will allow a smooth transition during her first year of teaching.
2. This year, nine of our twelve sending schools will start classes on or before August 30th, the first day of classes for the Erie County Technical School. Girard, North East and Seneca will begin school after our first day. The principals of these schools have assured me that they will work with their transportation departments to arrange student transportation to the tech school on the day our school opens. This is very important since essential safety and procedural information is covered during these first few days of school.
3. ECTS instructors will report to school four days prior to the first day of school for our students. During the first day of in-service, teachers will work with SchoolDEX, our student information management software package, and the second day will focus on NOCTI results and the use of educational assistants in the classroom. Mr. Holland has arranged for a one-day refresher course with MAX Teaching to be held on the third day of in-service. The focus of the in-service will be to improve literacy in our students. Finally, the fourth day of in-service will be the traditional half day of information, followed by a half day of work in individual classrooms.
4. I would like to take a moment to thank Steve Sceiford and his staff for the outstanding job that they have done in preparing the school for the start of the 2006-2007 school year. I have been in education for over 20 years, and I can honestly say that the physical appearance of the building and grounds at ECTS is spectacular. The beauty and cleanliness of the ECTS is a great way to change the stereotypical image of career and technical education, and to promote career and technical education to all who enter our doors.