

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Special Education - On Monday, January 8, 2007 a workshop was held after school to view and discuss the DVD on Learning Disabilities by Richard Lavoie titled, "Beyond F.A.T. City". Seven employees attended this voluntary professional development. Act 48 credits were available for this activity.

On Wednesday, January 10th, 2007 Tim Mientkiewicz, from Electronics, and Pat Holland attended training on Understanding Inclusion, Accommodations and Adaptations for Students with Special Needs held by Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Literacy -ECTS Literacy Team - Our literacy team has met on two occasions to plan a faculty training on one the reading strategies that we have adopted. The training will be offered to our instructional staff during the lunch and plan periods. The teachers will have the opportunity to obtain Act 48 Credits for certification. This is another attempt to keep the reading strategies that we have been trained in fresh in our instructor's minds.

Gifts for Kids Program - Donations from ECTS employees were taken from December 1 through December 18th, with a total of \$920 collected. With the matching funds from the ECTS Foundation, we were able to spend \$1840.00 on Wal-Mart gift cards. On December 21, 2006, we distributed (72) \$20.00 cards and (4) \$100.00 cards to deserving students.

NOCTI Prep Workshops - On Thursday, January 11, 2007 the first of three one-hour voluntary professional development workshops was held to help prepare our instructors for changes to the spring testing of program completers. Eleven teachers attended and were awarded Act 48 credit.

Articulation Agreements - Our newest agreement is with Bryant & Stratton, with the closest campuses located in Cleveland and Buffalo. The value to our students equates to \$415 per credit. Students graduating from our Health Assistant program will receive 12 credits (\$4,980 savings); Electrical Engineering graduates will receive 3 credits (\$1245 savings); Electronics graduates will receive 3 credits (\$1245 savings) and our Computer Information Systems graduates will be granted 15 credits (\$6,225 savings). Both Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees are offered at Bryant & Stratton. A copy of the agreement can be found at the Supplemental Information section of our agenda.