

High School Activity Report

September 28, 2006

1. At the present time, we have 823 students attending ECTS in our 19 programs. We are extremely pleased with the way this school year started out. Dr. Jackson did an excellent job of starting the year on a positive note by keeping the four in-service days positive and extremely useful. Most of the staff has commented with regards to the outstanding start to this year. Lisa Sorrenson and Pam Lasher have done a fantastic job spearheading the new recruiting/admissions process. We look forward to next year and being able to use our process with all of our sending schools.
2. Mr. Hansen conducted student orientations for all ECTS students on Monday, September 11, 2006. The students were very attentive, and the session concluded with a questions and answers session which highlighted the student handbook and other ECTS policies. This is a great opportunity for Mr. Hansen to interact with our ECTS students, and allows our students to put a face with a name.
3. Mrs. Palo, Mrs. Kennerknecht, and Mr. Holland are busy providing Scantron math testing to all of our tenth grade students. In addition, all of our instructional assistants are working with our special needs students to make sure that accommodations are made for testing these students. Mr. Jeff Smith and the tech department have done an excellent job ensuring the smooth operation of this on-line testing. We hope to use the results of this testing to help align our instruction with math standards found on the PSSA assessment as well as with the math skills needed in the individual technical programs.
4. Mr. Hansen met with Dr. Jackson in order to outline major areas for emphasis for the next 90 days. As a result of this 90-day checkup, it was determined that Mr. Hansen will focus on the following areas for the first three months of the 2006-2007 school year: The use of our new recruiting/ admissions policy to pinpoint chronic attendance problems, work with Lisa Sorrenson to coordinate a process map and timeline for the recruiting/admissions process, Get the monthly enrollment report up and running, continue to work with Natalie Fatica and PDE to implement our new teacher evaluation tool, work with Mrs. Palo and Gary McEnery to identify a group of at risk students with regards to attendance and grades, and to refine and improve our mid-term progress report and process.