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March 20, 2012

Mr. Paul Fritz, Business Manager
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Dear Mr. Fritz:

I am writing this letter of support for the construction trades program at the Erie County Technical School.

I attended a meeting and tour of your facility on March 13, 2012. This meeting was informative and enlightening. I was able to see how your program can start these young people off with a good background.

The construction trades program at your school is important to the construction industry because it is a beginning step in the pipeline process. We need apprentices to be well trained so that they can become craftsmen in their field and with the average age of our carpenters increasing we need to have up and coming apprentices to take their place. Your program is essential to this process.

As the President of Eriez Construction, Inc.; Vice-Chairman of the Great Lakes Building & Construction Trades Industry Partnership and President of the Erie Construction Council I would urge you to consider keeping this program as it is important to our workforce.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

ERIEZ CONSTRUCTION, INC.

James D. Schreiber
President

cc: Dr. Jackson
Mr. Lytle

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Perry Construction Group, Inc.

March 20, 2012

Mr. Paul Fritz, Business Manager
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**Re: Construction Trades Program
Erie County Technical School**

Dear Mr. Fritz:

This letter is to inform you that we support the Construction Trades Program at the Erie County Technical School.

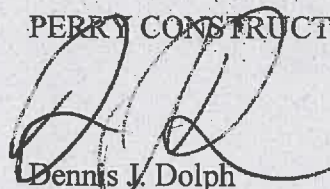
We have had numerous employees in the past and present that started their training at your facility or one like it.

We have experienced in recent years that younger people are not interested in the building trades due to a lack of experience or exposure to the construction environment.

We encourage the school districts to participate in your program.

Very truly yours,

PERRY CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.



Dennis J. Dolph
Vice President Operations

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Cc: Dr. Jackson, ECTS
Mr. Lytle, ECTS
Robert Doyle, PCG
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Mr. Paul Fritz, Business Manager
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RE: Construction Trades Program

Dear Mr. Fritz;

As a commercial contractor in Erie County it is with much concern that I am writing this letter regarding the possibility of cutting the excellent carpentry program that you offer at your school. The local construction industry is in great need of apprentices, who would be able to find gainful employment in a vital industry, which pays a living wage right here in Erie County. In light of the current construction industry rapidly growing in Erie County, consideration by you is respectfully requested to keep your outstanding program intact

Very Truly Yours,


Alfred E. Naylor



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March 21, 2012

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Erie County Technical School
8500 Oliver Road
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Dear Mr. Fritz:

I personally have seen your carpentry program and I would like to take a few moments to comment on the possible release of one of your carpentry instructors.

My name is Rick Okraszewski and I am the Training Coordinator for the Greater PA Carpenters' Training Program. I am 55 years old and I have 35 years experience in the construction business. I would not be reaching out if I did not feel this cut could affect construction oriented jobs in your area.

I have taught carpentry for over 20 years and have seen the lack of understanding in young people that have not received Vocational training before they come to our program. Students in areas with weak programs require more time to develop into the craftsman needed today in this very competitive industry. Also, I understand that strong programs are lead by strong instructors. The program at ECTS is very strong thanks to all involved. Trades' training requires an instructor with understanding of the construction business which then can be conveyed to the student. Just to name a few, Nate Ayers, Adam Barner, Seth Peters, Nate Schreiber, and Alex Stroup came to our Training Center with the knowledge to move through our program in a very efficient manner.

Through the education provided by your program, these young men and many more will be able to successfully complete our program and support your local community by bringing necessary construction jobs to local contractors.

I would urge that the carpentry department cut backs be reconsidered.

Sincerely,

Rick Okraszewski
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Dear Mr. Fritz:

I am writing in support of the construction trades program at the Erie County Technical School.

The construction trade program at the ECTS meets and exceeds any requirements that would be needed to pursue a trade in the carpentry field and also enhances their skills before entering into the Carpenters' Apprenticeship Program.

I urge you to consider keeping this program, not only to benefit your students, but the trades in general.

If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Ray Vogel
Training Director

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Paul Fritz

From: Ed Glass [edglasssoferie@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 4:23 PM
To: dyanasco@ectc.org; Paul Fritz
Subject: Masonry

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that the Masonry Program at Vo-Tech is possibly being phased out. This would be a huge mistake. I have been in the Masonry business for over 40 years and always searched for employees with on-job experience and in school training. I have worked with many Vo-Tech graduates and found that they do learn basics that I just do not have time to teach on the job. The basic Carpentry skills are also useful to any trade. Please reconsider canceling any construction programs.

Sincerely,

Ed Glass

Sent from my iPad



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Dear Mr. Fritz,

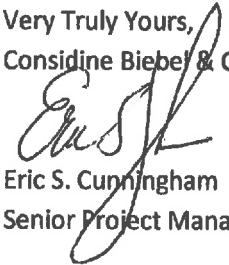
The purpose of this letter is to garner support for the Construction Trades Program at the Erie County Technical School.

Having toured your facility in the past, I can say without hesitation that the training provided does an excellent job of preparing young people for careers in the construction trades.

In our industry, the average age of our skilled labor force is increasing. Therefore, having introductory programs such as those offered at the Erie County Technical School provides young men & women the chance to see the opportunities that lie ahead in the construction trades as a career. The training and instruction they receive prepares them to enter apprenticeship programs offered by the various trades and excel in the development of their skills in their chosen craft.

As members of the Great Lakes Building & Construction Trades Industry Partnership and the Erie Construction Council, we would appreciate your consideration of continuing this program as we feel it is vital to the future of our skilled trade workforce.

Very Truly Yours,
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Eric S. Cunningham
Senior Project Manager

cc: Dr. Jackson
Mr. Lytle

Paul Fritz

From: Jodi Schreckengost [jschreck09@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 8:18 PM
To: Dave Yanosko; Paul Fritz

To whom it may concern:

My name is Joe Mackovich and this letter is in regards to the possible elimination of both the Masonry Class and Dave Yanosko at the Erie County Technical School.

Dave Yanosko was my instructor for two years until I graduated in 1997. I was hired Co-op during my senior year as a bricklayer because of the skills taught to me by Dave.

The Masonry class is the only hands-on class available to students in the Erie County area and it is an asset to the masonry trade. I have been an active member of the Local 9 Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Union since 1999.

The very valuable skills that are taught by Dave Yanosko in the masonry program are a crucial stepping stone for students who choose to become hard working bricklayers for a living. I strongly urge you to keep both the masonry program and Dave Yanosko as part of the Erie County Technical School.

Sincerely,

Joe Mackovich



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Mr. Fritz,

I have recently been notified that the Erie County Tech School is considering cutting their trades program. I wanted to express my concern with this proposal. Your school is one of the few places where someone can go for masonry training. I feel it would be extremely detrimental to the construction industry to cut this program. Masonry is a valuable and noble profession. Currently there is a need for workers to enter the masonry profession. With advancements in block, and the sustainability of masonry supporting the "Green Building Movement" masonry companies are having a hard time finding skilled workers.

I'm sure there are students attending your program currently that are excited to begin their career in masonry. Not everyone wants to go to college, nor can everyone afford it. You would be taking away a valuable resource for those who are not on the college path. The average age of a mason in the United States is over 50 years old! Those masons are heading toward retirement age and the need is going to be even greater than it is now. Please reconsider the elimination of such a valuable program.

Thank you,

Christina Duchini Mulvin
Sales Manager
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