

CAREER EXPLORATION PROJECT

Project Statement

March 6, 2012

The Career Exploration Project will better prepare Erie County K-12 students for the workplace by shaping their career aspirations and aligning their current and future studies with their career goals. The project will establish a process of identifying specific opportunities to create stronger linkages between career options and K-12 and community programs, business, and industry. In addition to benefiting youth, the project will improve the relationship between the business community and K-12 education, creating a shared understanding and more productive communication.

Through a grant from the Erie Community Foundation (ECF), the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership (ERCGP) will collaborate with key organizations, businesses, and community partners to design and develop a sustainable project that can achieve desired and measurable outcomes. The objectives are threefold: (1) to ensure career counseling at every school, (2) to ensure that every graduate leaves high school with a career plan, and (3) to create a menu of options for involvement in curriculum, programs, and career exploration activities from which the business community can choose to become engaged and to which educators may link to connect students to careers. The project also includes the development of a marketing and outreach plan to communicate targeted messages to students, businesses, and relevant stakeholders.

Everyone in Erie County benefits when students find meaningful career paths that inspire success after high school, whatever success looks like: college, a technical career, or an apprenticeship. By working collaboratively through this project, business, educators, and workforce leaders can help shape the next generation.

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Leadership Team Contact List/March 6, 2012

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3. Rural School District	Union City Area School District	Sandra Myers	Superintendent	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4. Urban School District	City of Erie School District	Jay Badams	Superintendent	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5. Suburban School District	Millcreek	William Hall	Assistant Superintendent	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
6. Manufacturing	Sunburst Electronics/Bliley Technologies/Equate, LLC	John Cline	President and CEO	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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	Erie County Technical School	Aldo Jackson	Director	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
14. United Way	United Way of Erie County	Bill Jackson	President	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
15. Labor	Great Lakes Building and Construction Trades Council	Dan Harmon	President	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
16. Higher Education	Gannon University	Dr. Keith Taylor	President	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
17. Diocese	Diocese of Erie	Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch, S.T.D.	Vicar for Education	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]