

Erie County Technical School Director's Report October 2011

Erie's Choice 2011

For the first time the director can remember, the Erie County Technical School was 'voted' as Erie's Choice career and technical school for 2011. When notified of the selection by the Erie Times News in late September, the administration followed up with Times staff to be certain ECTS was the selection and not RCTC. The school sponsored an ad in the newspaper supplement of Sunday, October 16, 2011, thanking those folks that voted for ECTS.

Faculty In-service: 40 Developmental Assets for Adolescents

Joe Markiewicz, Project Director of Healthy Youth Development at the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation, presented a one-half day session on the 40 Developmental Assets for Adolescents on Monday, October 10. Mr. Markiewicz has worked with the Union City, General McLane and Erie City school districts. Mr. Markiewicz's presentation was very personable, compelling and informative. The 40 Assets have a direct connection to our work with our STAY Teams, student retention and daily student interactions.

ECTS Renovation

At the October superintendents' meeting, we shared the 'drain pipe' and other items showing our plumbing issues. The director made a simple request that each of the districts include some form of renovation at ECTS in each district's long-term capital improvement plans.

Other Action Items this Month

Other items the director has been working on in July and August include:

1. Policy review by administrative staff members

Regional Career & Technical Center

New Managers. This is the first term for the new 'management team' to start up classes. Communication is good between the parties and good decisions appear to be occurring. We are fortunate that all parties concerned are paying close attention to the details, and there are many. Thanks to Susan Tatalone, Pat Holland, Natalie Fatica and Steve Sceiford for keeping an eye on things.

Term II 2011. Enrollments for this second term are 80 students in 16 classes. This is down about 30 students and 2 classes from last year. Last year's report was provided in November so we may make up some of that lost ground by the start of classes on October 31.

Regional Career & Technical Center (continued)

Customized Training Requests. In the last week, we have had two requests for customized training for two local companies. One company is seeking blueprint reading for manufacturing and the other is interested in welding training. The management team is putting together preliminary proposals for both of these companies.

Director's Travel and Meetings

The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- ❖ *Campus Tour*; September 30; business leaders and Senator Jane Earl; informational tour to address workforce development issues
- ❖ *Workforce Investment Board, Annual Dinner*; Ambassador Conference Center; September 30; with Jeff & Julie Smith, Mary Ellen Camp, Elaine Shaffer and Jan Kennerknecht
- ❖ *Programmatic Policy & Analysis Committee, WIB subcommittee*; Meadville; October 5; bi-monthly meeting; director serves as chair
- ❖ *Regional Alternative Education Meeting*; Walnut Creek Middle School; October 11; to receive information from PDE on alternative education programming and requirements
- ❖ *Bureau of Career & Technical Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education*; Bureau Director's Advisory Council webinar; October 12; to provide input into Ch. 339 and labor market needs` and addressing academic achievement in comprehensive CTCs
- ❖ *Prosoft/Harris Software Orientation Meeting*; Mars; October 14; to get information on the acquisition of Prosoft by Harris Software; with Jeff Smith
- ❖ *Campus Tour*; October 13; Dale McBrier, Chairperson, Workforce Investment Board; to share capabilities of career and technical centers across the region
- ❖ *NOCTI Data Analysis & Data-Driven Instructional Module Presentation*; State College; October 18; invited presentation for other Pennsylvania CTCs on the use of NOCTI data and improving instruction; with Jan Kennerknecht, co-presenter