

High School Activity Report

August 2012

That's Something to be Proud of...:

The Department of Education has again recognized the Erie County Technical School for our student performance in four areas of accountability:

1. An **increase** in the number of students scoring at the proficient or advanced level **in reading on the PSSA.**
2. An **increase** in the number of students scoring at the proficient or advanced level **in math on the PSSA.**
3. An **increase** in the number of students scoring at the competent or advanced level **on the NOCTI assessment.**
4. Attaining **school-wide student performance of 80% or more** at the competent and advanced levels **on the NOCTI assessments.**

Kudos to the administration, faculty, and instructional aides – the initiatives developed to improve and support literacy, numeracy and NOCTI success of the ECTS students has been rewarded and recognized for the second year. **NOW**, that's something to be PROUD of...

Enrollment Numbers:

As of August 15, 2012 the 2012-13 enrollment reports are indicating an enrollment of **807** students. There are six programs that have an enrollment capacity of 90% or better – AUT, COS, ECE, GRA, HEA and MTF.

Principal Meeting:

On August 15, 2012 the Erie County Principals engaged in the first of four scheduled meetings. Joe Tarasovitch shared student information with each principal so that a proactive partnership could be employed with returning students who had attendance and low grade issues.

The principals also discussed the inception of the KEYSTONE EXAM procedures, and District X athletic updates.

Custodial and Maintenance Support:

Steve Sceiford and his crew did an outstanding job cleaning and preparing the buildings for the return of the faculty and students. Both buildings are prepared to support the daily activities of the High School, Regional Choice Initiative, Career and Alternative Education Program, and the Regional Career and Technical Center.

Office Support:

The students and schedules have been inputted into the system, letters have been mailed to faculty and students, the faculty opening school data packages have been developed – Pam Lasher, Jennifer Douglas, Michele Smith, Heather Beck and Susan Tatalone have accomplished many tasks to get the school prepared for the new year. Their willingness and ability to accommodate each administrator's request was very much appreciated.

Faculty In-Service

The instructors will return to ECTS on Friday, August 24th for the first of two in-service days. The first in-service day will have the staff engaged with Specially Designed Instruction (SDI). Ms. Diane Sobolewski from IUP will be our guest facilitator. Ms. Sobolewski is well known for her work in the special education environment and ECTS is fortunate to have her for the day.

The second day will be the sharing of the new year expectations, and instructor lab preparation.