
Erie County Technical School Director's Report June 2015

Guaranteed Energy Savings Project

Two contractors have conducted follow-up visits regarding a guaranteed energy savings project-- Schneider Electric and SmartEdge. We have suggested they have a preliminary report available for the August board meeting.

YouthBuild Grant

The administration worked with GECAC to develop a grant proposal to conduct a YouthBuild program in Erie County. The Department of Labor has administered the YouthBuild program since September 2006. The YouthBuild program is administered by the Employment and Training Administration's Office of Workforce Investment, Division of Youth Services.

YouthBuild is a community-based alternative education program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24. Youth learn construction skills while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their own neighborhoods. Youth split their time between the construction site and the classroom, where they earn their GED or high school diploma, learn to be community leaders, and prepare for college and other postsecondary training opportunities. YouthBuild includes significant support systems, such as a mentoring, follow-up education, employment, and personal counseling services; and, participation in community service and civic engagement. There are over 220 DOL funded YouthBuild programs in 43 states serving over 6000 youth per year.

In the proposal, ECTS would provide technical training in construction trades. The program would be housed at the Skill Center, using part of the storage bay as the laboratory. The program would also use the classrooms at the Skill Center for the academic component. Field-based experiences, primarily home renovations, would be coordinated with the Erie Housing Authority.

CTE Innovation Grant

We are submitting a CTE Innovation grant application to PDE. These grants will support expansion of existing high quality, secondary CTE programs, enhancements to these programs that improve linkages to employers or higher education, and the creation of new innovative CTE programs. Employers, Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), labor organizations, institutions of higher education (IHEs), and eligible local education agencies (LEAs) are invited to join together to establish partnerships to prepare students for high-demand occupations that pay a living wage and offer a career ladder for growth opportunities.

The grants will support the:

1. Investment in established, innovative CTE programs beginning in September 2015 to increase the number of participating students and/or add program elements; or

2. Engagement in a collaborative planning process to develop new CTE programs that adapt state and national models to begin in September 2016.

The initial design for the grant application calls for four CTCs in Erie and Crawford counties (Central Technical High School, Corry Career and Technical Education Center, Crawford County Career and Technical Center, and Erie County Technical School) to work together on an internship program for manufacturing programs. The post-secondary partner would be Edinboro University, and the key business partners would be the Erie Regional Manufacturing Partnership and the Advanced and Diversified Manufacturing Industry Partnership.

Alternative Education

We are still waiting on the final report from PDE about the monitoring audit conducted in May. PDE requested we submit additional information about the participating school districts, which delays the completion of the report.

Comprehensive Planning

After some revisions suggested by PDE, our comprehensive plan has been accepted by PDE. Our plan is good through June 30, 2018.

Director's Absence

It is my hope the Committee will kindly excuse my absence from the June meeting. A family matter requires me to be in Ohio at the time of the meeting.

Web Page Redesign

The web site redesign for the high school is nearing completion. Work on the RCTC web site has yet to begin. Both web sites are projected to be completed soon.

End-of-Year and New Year Reports

The administrative team is and will be working on various end-of-year reports for the Pennsylvania Department of Education and other state and federal agencies. Examples of reports include:

- Civil Rights Compliance Report for the U.S. Department of Education
- Graduate Follow-up Survey Distribution; required by PDE
- Perkins Final Performance Report; required by PDE
- Program Approval Revisions for each program; required by PDE

Other Action Items in March

Other items the director has been working on this month include:

1. Compiling information for the director's end-of-year assessment, the director would like to recommend a review of assessment documents at the August meeting, in light of the director's absence at the June meeting and no JOC meeting in July.
2. Working the Jake Rouch, Erie Regional Chamber, and Mat Pundt, Director at Central Technical High School, on a training model for manufacturing.

Director's Meetings—June 2015

The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- ❖ *Corry Career & Technical Center*; Corry High School; May 28; participate in Perkins Advisory Committee
- ❖ *End of Year Staff Recognition Luncheon*; ECTS; June 5; recognize faculty and staff for length of service, NOCTI testing accomplishments, and education employee appreciation
- ❖ *Career Street Advisory Board*; ECTS; June 8; scheduled periodic board meeting
- ❖ *ECTS Administrative Retreat*; ECTS; June 8 and 9; management review, performance analysis, and action planning
- ❖ *WIB Monitoring & Evaluation Committee Meeting*; Meadville; June 11; conduct meeting as committee chair
- ❖ *Chimney Demolition Meeting*; ECTS; June 11; with Chris Coughlin, Terri Birchard, and representatives for Considine and Scobell; pre-construction meeting
- ❖ *NWPA Economic Development & Workforce Study Report*; Grove City College; June 16; attend presentation on workforce development studies conducted this past year
- ❖ *Professional Unit Negotiations*; ECTS; June 16
- ❖ *Classified Unit Negotiations*; ECTS; June 16
- ❖ *Career Street Executive Director Performance Review*; ECTS; June 17
- ❖ *Emerge 2040 Steering Committee Meeting*; Corry; June 18; quarterly meeting of advisory committee
- ❖ *Workforce Investment Board Meeting*; Meadville; June 24; quarterly board meeting