



Local 1589 • Erie County Technical School

Monthly Report to the Joint Operating Committee

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Dear JOC Member,

On behalf of the professional and classified units, I want to thank Dr. Jackson and Mr. Bucksbee for the opportunity to communicate with you directly. The members of AFT Local 1589 want to thank you for your time, talent, and sacrifices made for the good of our school. We are proud of what we do together with you and our administrative staff to provide an educational environment in which students can develop real life skills and build a solid foundation for their future.

While I would invite members of the JOC to get to know our talented and dedicated staff on a more personal level, the responsibility of family, work, and serving your community is a reality that we share and understand. Time constraints limit the opportunity to build relationships. Through our new monthly report we will try to remedy this challenge by “spotlighting” one of our professional or classified members with a brief bio, a photograph, and contact information.

Also in our monthly report, we will address one or two “issues of the month” that are important to AFT Local 1589 members and may be of some importance to you as well.

Thank you again for all you do. We look forward to communicating with you in the months and years ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Joe Salorino
Vice President, AFT Local 1589
Instructor, Graphic Communications



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Donna Erdman, M. Ed.

Instructor, Early Childhood Education
National Technical Honor Society, ECTS advisor
Supervisor, Regional Career and Technical Center

A Lawrence Park native, Donna graduated from Iroquois High School and received her BS in Family and Consumer Science Education from Indiana University of PA. She earned a Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Gannon University and then completed Principal Certification, also at Gannon.

Donna began her teaching career in two Pennsylvania school districts, first in Erie County, then in Clarion County. Before beginning her tenure at ECTS in 2004, she was employed as an extension educator for Penn State Cooperative Extension in Erie County.

Donna is a dedicated educator, often the first to arrive and the last to leave the building. She believes that the NAEYC accredited preschool and the rigorous Program of Study prepares students for the child care profession as well as the early childhood education programs at the college and university levels. Approximately one half of ECE graduates enroll in a post-secondary institution generally to study early childhood, special education, or elementary education.

Donna, who lives in McKean, has four children with accomplishments of their own. Emily, with a BS in brain and cognitive science from University of Rochester, holds a Master's Degree in Technical Design and Production from Yale University and works as a theatre production manager in Utah; Jeff, a Penn State graduate, has a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio State University and is an aviation engineer with General Electric in Cincinnati; Matthew, a Penn State graduate, is a PhD Candidate in Mechanical Engineering at Penn State University; and Marcus is a junior in the Biomedical Engineering program at Penn State University.

At home Donna is often grading student work and building lesson plans. When time allows she enjoys gardening, baking, hiking, exploring national parks, and photography. She is also frequently involved in the community including volunteering at the Erie Playhouse.

You can contact Donna at derdman@ects.org.