

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Curriculum Development

DACUM Workshops- A DACUM workshop was held for our Cosmetology program on Monday, January 29th. Eight organizations provided valuable input for our curriculum. The Construction Trades workshop is scheduled for February 28th.

Student Certifications – Instructors were asked to review their listing of student certifications at the February 16 in-service. This list was compared to the state-approved certifications. We will begin the approval process for certifications that are not currently listed.

Special Education

Sandy and Pat have been meeting with the district Special Education supervisors and case managers of the students with disabilities who have completed ECTS Applications for the 2018-19 school year. We are taking a proactive approach to work with students that may have additional needs to ensure we are placing the right student in the right program for the right reason. These meetings have been extremely productive.

Erie County Junior Transition Staffing meetings are being held at ECTS in February for several of our districts. These meetings provide an opportunity for school district special education case managers and supervisors to discuss individual student progress and anticipated plans for our junior students with IEP's. Representatives from government agencies such as the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Case Management Services will attend. Our goal is to identify those students who may require additional support through these agencies with continued training or employment after high school graduation.

Literacy

On February 5, 2018, Dr. Heather Moschetta from the PDE Technical Assistance Program, TAP, came to ECTS to work with our staff on improving writing in the Career and Technical High Schools. Dr. Moschetta met with our staff as a follow up to the training that she did in the Fall. I was impressed by how our instructors showed Dr. Moschetta how they use writing as a means explain different work processes or as a means to identify the depth of comprehension of the technical material they are using.

Our Automotive Technology students attended the 2018 Car Show this month at the Bay Front Convention Center. The instructors are again using the Essay Writing Template to help students structure their ideas and thoughts in a logical order. This is another great example of our students learning to use formal writing as a way to express themselves.