
**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
September 2019**

Roundabout

1. This project has been quiet. PennDOT and/or Summit Township have been on-site to locate utilities via hydraulic excavation. The excavation site was repaired.
2. No contact from PennDOT regarding the sale or process for eminent domain.

Renovation Status

1. All School Districts passed resolutions to fund design costs.
2. Next steps are to request a contract from the Architect providing details of a sub-project (i.e., plans only).
3. The ECTS will process financial transactions for the design work on a "pass-through" basis. The ECTS will prepare/send invoices to each school district for their pro-rated shares of the design work.

CAEP Contract

1. The Superintendents (PAC) considered and agreed to support a new contract for CAEP services the Sarah Reed Center (SRC) for 2019/2020. The contract stipulates significant cost increases for the same levels of staffing and program quality as last year. We expect fewer challenges within the CAEP program since implementing a triage system to provide different services for students with greater needs and because there are fewer CAEP students – At least for now.
2. The PAC authorized/requested that the ECTS prepare a document articulating what we would like for a CAEP program and invite the SRC, Bethesda, and Perseus House to prepare proposals prior to the budgeting process for the 2020/2021 academic year.
3. Presentations will be viewed at a PAC meeting by all participating members of the PAC.

RCTC

1. It will require additional time to address a plan going forward for the RCTC operation.

ECTS Operations

1. We continue with mandatory training and preparation for the 2020/2021 Perkins Grant application. Perkins grants are NO LONGER "plans" with pre-defined allocations – Now Perkins Grants will be based on competitive "applications" based on significantly revised and many new processes. A new requirement is the biennial Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) – This requirement is extremely work-intensive.
2. Dr. Walker and Principal Tarasovitch are beginning to schedule "formal observations" for faculty members (pre-conferences, formal evaluations, post-conferences).

3. Dr. Walker worked with the PAC to revisit the idea of new programs in the ECTS. The PAC would like the ECTS to begin developing a limited number of new program proposals aligned with the high-demand occupations in Erie County. New program development is an approximately two-year process.
4. Dr. Walker and Business Manager Terri Birchard are moving into the 2020/2021 budgeting process.
5. Dr. Walker has proposed performance goals for the Director (2019/2020), and is awaiting conversations with JOC and PAC to finalize goals.

Student Activity

1. Exemplary Student Recognition Event this evening.