
**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
April 2021**

Renovation Status

1. Plan and design are at BIU for inspection.
2. There was a pre-bid meeting for potential contractors to tour the ECTS and ask questions on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021.
3. The renovation is out for bid now and bids are due on May 13th, 2021.
4. Clerk of the Works candidate Rob Estok completed a review of the renovation design and plans (not to exceed 20 hours) and the report Rob provided was sent to all members of the JOC and PAC.
5. The cost for construction materials (particularly wood and steel) are unusually high right now due to logistics delays associated with the pandemic.

ECTS Schedule

1. The ECTS returned to full-time, in-person instruction on April 8th, 2021.
 - a. The Erie County Department of Health, in coordination with our Pandemic Coordinator, closed the school for in-person instruction for 2.5 days on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.
 - b. All ECTS instructional activities will continue during the school closure via on-line/remote instruction.
2. A modification to the ECTS Health and Safety Plan was presented this evening to reflect our return to full-time, in-person instruction.

ECTS Operations

1. We will be soliciting bids for a Plasma Cutting System early next week as the system cost exceeds the bidding threshold. The Plasma Cutting system will be paid for by grant resources.
2. We anticipate requesting JOC approval of the Plasma Cutting System bids in May leaving just enough time to purchase/install the system before the year end.
3. We received an approximately \$260K grant (GEER II, also know as the Continuity of Education in Career and Technical Centers Grant II).
4. The timing for submitting the GEER II Grant application is very short (May 10th).
5. As an ECTS Administration, we have convened our first planning meeting for the GEER II grant and are currently considering and prioritizing ECTS needs.
6. We are preparing for a Perkins Stakeholder's Meeting in early May.
7. Principal Tarasovitch, Sandy Carr, and I participated in a mandatory and virtual training for the Carl Perkins grant program in mid-April.
8. We are preparing for a Local Advisory Committee Meeting in early May.
9. Work on an Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology (Mechatronics) program with a Drone Technology emphasis continues.

10. We are scheduled to have a graduation ceremony inside the ECTS grouped/focused by lab to reduce the exposure to a mass-gathering. One lab at a time will be called to the Cafeteria for a lab-specific graduation ceremony.
11. Many thanks to the Graduation Planning Committee!
12. 339 Audit
 - a. PDE revised their timeline for 339 Audits moving our required audit from March 2021 until a date TBD in 2021/2022.
 - b. We are finalizing our 339 Audit materials now as intended.
13. ECTS Comprehensive Plan (three-year cycle).
 - a. The ECTS is a Phase 3 school originally scheduled for 2021.
 - b.** PDE revised their timeline for Comprehensive Planning moving our required audit from 2021 until a date TBD in 2021/2022.

Student Activity

1. SkillsUSA conference call was conducted with regional CTC Directors.
2. There will NOT be a District 10 SkillsUSA competition this year due to COVID-19.
3. There will be an ECTS-specific SkillsUSA competition this year.

Other Action Items This Month