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

Renovation Status

1. Plans and design remain at BIU for inspection.
2. BIU workload is backlogged due to the spring rush/submission of other building permit requests ahead of the ECTS renovation.
3. The renovation bid window was extended at the request of Architect Chris Coughlin allowing time for bidders to respond to changes, if any, required by BIU.

Roundabout Status

1. Construction of the roundabout will begin on or about June 21, 2021.
2. The first work tasks will involve additional excavation and installation of underground utilities (water).
3. PennDOT has shared with the ECTS that they were delayed in the start of construction and will work into the Fall/Early Winter of 2021 and complete the project in the Spring/Summer of 2022.
4. It is not clear for how long the traffic pattern changes and detours will remain in effect – Traffic pattern changes and detours will affect bus traffic and commute times to and from the ECTS for several school districts.

ECTS Operations

1. The Perkins Grant Application was submitted on time for a July 1 start date of spending, if "Substantially Approved." Joe Tarasovitch completed the application.
2. The Continuity of Education II (GEER II) was revised and resubmitted at the request of PDE. Dr. Walker completed the revisions.
3. The faculty completed their 2020/2021 contract year as scheduled, completed their lab cleaning/straightening-up procedures, submitted their course grades, and started their summer break schedule.
4. The Plasma Cutting System approved by the JOC last month for the Metal Fabrication Lab has been ordered via COSTARS – A local vendor completed the requirements to become a COSTARS vendor and provided to the ECTS extra consumable materials at no additional cost. The Plasma Cutting system was be paid for by Continuity of Education (GEER) grant resources.
5. Dr. Walker participated in a Western PA PACTA conference and planning session.
6. Dr. Walker completed the PCCD Threat Assessment on-line training (8+ hours). It will be necessary for Joe Tarasovitch and Del VonVolkenburg to complete this same training this summer – Both Joe and Del are aware of the requirement to complete this training.
7. Act 13, new legislation, requires each Local Education Agency (LEA) to form a Threat Assessment Team by the start of the 2021/2022 school year. The Threat Assessment Team has many required participants, requires all school personnel to complete professional development/training, and for an appropriate infrastructure to be put in place to operationalize the requirements of the legislation.

8. The assessment system for staff, teachers, and the Principal is changing from what we know as Act 82 beginning in the 2021/2022 school year. PDE requires professional development/training for all personnel under the new evaluation system and it requires 30 Hour PIL Courses for Administrators conducting evaluations. Professional development/training for staff and teachers must be repeated every seven years.
9. The Facilities and Maintenance Department are already engaged in the Summer cleaning schedule.
10. The third-party contract with Service Master for COVID-19-related weekly disinfecting has been discontinued.
11. Work on an Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology (Mechatronics) program with a Drone Technology emphasis continues and remains on schedule for a fall 2021 submission to PDE.
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. Our 339 Audit materials are stored in CTE 360, our new content management system, awaiting the PDE audit to begin.
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

None