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

Enrollment Status:

The Erie County Technical School closed its enrollment on Friday, September 10, 2021. The second Friday of September has been identified as the date for closure of the new enrollment. This process was established to respect the curriculum work of the Professional Unit - Instructors. Many of the instructors have instructed their students in terms of classroom orientation/protocols and safety, therefore the instructors could proceed in their curriculums without any further re-teaching.

As of September 14, 2021, ECTS has an enrollment of 743 students: eight programs operating at a 90% or greater capacity – CMP, CNT, COS, ECE, EET, FMT, HEA, and MTF.

COVID-19 Status at ECTS:

As of September 17, 2021, the Erie County Technical School had:

Students/Staff Active COVID-19 Cases – 2

Students/Staff Quarantine – 60; Department of Health mandated – 20.

Proactive/Pending Test – 40.

New COVID-19 Cases – 1.

Audit Preparation – Approved Program Evaluation (APE):

The Erie County Technical School will be audited by the Department of Education on September 28th, 29th and 30th. The audit process is a review of each of the school's programs and to ensure that ECTS satisfies Chapter 339 of the state regulations. The preparation for this audit was quite extensive; the educational leadership team formulated a plan that provided the PDE audit team virtual access to the required documentation. Mr. Tarasovitch is extremely proud of the collaborated efforts of the instructional staff and the administrative team to prepare for this PDE review process. Special acknowledgement to Sandy Carr for her efforts with organizing the materials in the school's new software package of CTE360.

Renovation Status:

Nine of the Eleven school districts have approved the building and renovation project. Millcreek and Wattsburg are the two school districts that had not past the resolution as of Friday, September 17, 2021. Wattsburg has the resolution planned for a vote on Monday, September 20, 2021.

Although, Millcreek did not pass the resolution at their September 13, 2021, session, Joe Tarasovitch, Chris Coughlin, Sam Ring, and Rick Emerick will be delivering a "special" presentation to the Millcreek School Board on Tuesday, September 27, 2021, for a possible re-consideration of the resolution.

Occupational Advisory Committee Meetings:

The fall Occupational Advisory Committee luncheon meetings that were scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021, have been changed to a virtual format. The administration and the professional unit leadership addressed the concerns of hosting the event with the uprise of the COVID-19 virus. The leadership surveyed the staff, which overwhelmingly supported utilizing the Microsoft TEAMS platforms for the fall OAC meeting.

If any JOC member would like to attend an OAC meeting virtually, please inform Joe Tarasovitch or Julie Aiken and they will ensure an invitation will be forwarded with the information.

ECTS Operations and Tasks

1. ECTS Comprehensive Plan (three-year cycle).
 - a. Phase 3 schools have plan due March of 2022.
 - b. ECTS is a phase 3 school.
2. Teacher evaluations are in-progress.
 - a. ACT 13 was presented to the Professional Unit by Joe Tarasovitch and Julie Aiken to inform the instructors of the new evaluation process established by PDE.
 - b. Joe Tarasovitch and Julie Aiken will both be engaged with instructor evaluations.
 - c. Sandy Carr and Lesa Scalise will have evaluation assignments to further support the instructional evaluation process.