
Erie County Technical School Director's Report September 2022

Enrollment Status:

The Erie County Technical School closed its enrollment on Friday, September 16, 2022. 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 16, 2022, ECTS has an enrollment of 804 students: nine programs operating at a 90% or greater capacity – ADS, CMP, CNT, COS, ECE, EET, FMT, HEA, and MTF.

Course Catalog:

The administration completed their review, edits, and publication of an ECTS course catalog. This robust project was started by Lisa Sorensen, our former Engagement & Enrollment Coordinator during the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Tarasovitch thanks the administrative team for the MANY hours spent finishing the task over the summer. The initiative project was to ensure that ECTS and the Sending Schools were being accountable to PDE; Perkins Grant assurances, Approved Program Evaluation – Ch. 339 assurances, and K-12 Guidance Plans assurances. Each Sending School received 50 course catalogs for their guidance departments. Joe Tarasovitch also requested that each school's website incorporates the course catalog or a link to the ECTS website for community access.

Renovation Status and Educational Delivery:

The renovation project has caused for many adjustments to start the school year due to the delays in progress. The Erie County Technical School faculty, especially the Auto Body Repair, Computer Networking, and Precision Machining Technology instructors have done a wonderful job engaging the students in the curriculum. The AUR, CMN, and PMT programs were provided their lab space on Monday, September 19, 2022. The instructors and students used the opportunity to use the lab organization as a learning experience.

3rd Grade Activity/Coloring Book Delivery

For the second straight school year, the Erie County Technical School created an activity and coloring book for the 3rd graders in the ECTS consortium's elementary schools. This initiative provides ECTS a place in the school districts K-12 Guidance Plans at the elementary level which is a PDE sought after practice. Joe Tarasovitch delivered the books to each elementary school during the week of September 12th.

Occupational Advisory Committee Meetings:

The fall Occupational Advisory Committee meeting will be conducted as a "breakfast" meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022. The administration and the professional unit leadership are excited to host the OAC members in the building, even with the renovation project being an issue; this will provide a firsthand review of the B&R project, a return to in-person meetings, and reconnection to the community leaders.

If any JOC member would like to attend an OAC meeting, 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 – 2022-2025).
 - a. Administration addressing the priority actions:
 - i. NOCTI Analysis – focus on the Special Populations – captained by Julie Aiken and Sandy Carr.
 - ii. Increased Community Communication – social media - captained by Travis Woodburn and Joe Tarasovitch.
 - iii. Schoolwide Literacy Initiative; captained by Lesa Scalise and Julie Aiken.
2. Teacher Formal Evaluation Period begun.
 - a. Julie Aiken presented to the Professional Unit the schedule and observer for each instructor's evaluator during the school year.
 - b. Joe Tarasovitch and Julie Aiken will both be engaged with instructor evaluations.
1st Semester observation period September 12, 2022 to December 21, 2022;
2nd Semester observation period January 3, 2023 to April 28, 2023.
 - c. Sandy Carr and Lesa Scalise will have evaluation assignments to further support the instructional evaluation process.
3. Appraisal of Land and Skills Center Building
 - a. Investigating the appraisal process for the land sale.
 - b. Investigating the appraisal process for the Lease to Buy option with the Erie County Community College.
4. Investigating NEW programs for the future – 2023-24 School Year.