

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report January 2023

Proposed Budget Review with PAC: The 2023-24 proposed budget was presented to the superintendents by Mr. Tarasovitch and Jessica Garnica on Friday, January 6, 2023. The superintendents were provided the reasons for the budget increase of 3.12%, which included employee benefit cost increases, salary increases, and utility increases.

RV Curriculum Integration: The RV Institute requested a meeting with the area Career and Technical Schools to inform each school of a unique opportunity for RV instruction in the school settings. Joe Tarasovitch and the administration reviewed the basic curriculum with the Facility Maintenance Technology instructor due to the alignment to the FMT curriculum. If adopted, a 40-hour course would be aligned to the RV Technical Institute in the FMT curriculum. The students would benefit with a "Level 1 Technician" certification after passing an accompanying test. The certification at this time is not PDE recognized for Industry Credentials but is being pursued. There is a "Level 2 Technician" certificate that has a 160-hour on-line course schedule; students would have to acquire that independently if interested.

Skill Center Construction Projects: The four construction projects that have been in the planning stages for the Skills Center building have begun to be scheduled with a timeline. One of the three projects being funded with the ARP-ESSR grant funding has been completed – (7) water fountain installation - with the other two set to begin as soon as February (Cambridge Unit Replacement (4) and the Modernization of the Elevator). The new waterline installation will also begin in February; this upgrade has been approved to be funded with capital project funds.

"Healthy Choices" – Student Support: The Erie County Technical School will be utilizing a PCCD Mental Health grant to provide our students with professional presentations from Premier Education Services. The presentations will address topics such as drug & alcohol, social media usage, and bullying situations. The purpose of the presentations is to provide students with healthy choices when confronted with any of these challenges. The Premier Education Services staff will begin in February with the student engagement of the program labs.

Employee of the Month: The Erie County Technical School Employee for the month of December was Mr. Jason Connor. Jason has been with the Erie County Technical School for several years serving in a custodial role and more recently as the ground's maintenance role. Jason was chosen due to the outstanding efforts of **being welcoming** and **being involved** in the Building and Renovation Project task of organizing and moving materials to prepare for construction areas. Besides these busy assignments, Jason has been **considerate** in supporting custodial/maintenance unforeseen jobs. Jason - thank you for displaying the **ECTS Be-Attitudes**!

Preparing for the Second Semester: Julie Aikens and Joe Tarasovitch conducted the Erie County Technical School "Semester Conferences" with the instructional employees on January 24th and 25th. The "Temporary and Vocational I" employees received their semi-annual evaluations with the 13-1 Form completed. In addition, Mr. Tarasovitch and Mrs. Aikens have initiated the formal observation process for the second semester.