



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Joe Tarasovitch
c/o Erie County Technical School
8500 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Mr. Tarasovitch,

During my time as Acting Secretary at the Pennsylvania Department of Education I have had the opportunity to travel around the commonwealth, visiting schools, colleges and universities, libraries and more. Although each of these visits was unique, I left each one feeling an immense sense of pride in the educational entities that call Pennsylvania home. Schools, like yours, work hard each day to foster the academic and social growth of their students, making sure each and every student has the tools they need to succeed.

During his time in office, Governor Wolf increased access to high-quality education to ensure all students, regardless of zip code, are college and career ready. The commonwealth has made significant advancements to ensure all students are receiving an equitable education. Your hospitality and the accomplishments of students at Erie County Technical School are a great reminder of why our staff and administration work so hard to provide a high-quality education to all.

Thank you for your commitment to education and for welcoming me to Erie County Technical School in September. I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know you and your team better as you shared all of the great work that you do on behalf of Pennsylvania's learners.

I appreciate your hospitality and willingness to work together to help students across the commonwealth succeed. It has been an honor to work with you and Erie County Technical School and I truly appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you. I wish you well in your future endeavors. Thank you for your dedication to education in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Hagarty".

Eric Hagarty
Acting Secretary of Education