
Erie County Technical School Director's Report April 2023

Renovation Updates

1. Mr. Rob Estok, the clerk of the work for the building and renovation project submitted his letter of resignation. The resignation date is April 30, 2023. Mr. Estok was a fabulous COW and truly professional in all aspects of the duties. The Erie County Technical School appreciates his time at ECTS.
2. The major construction of the new additions are in the final phase. The Culinary Arts lab area's major appliances have been installed. The Early Childhood Education lab, which is the "safe shelter", is in the final phase of the construction cosmetics – painting, ceiling installation, and floor installation. The maintenance and custodial areas are also in the final stages of completion.
3. Planning for the 2023-24 School Year, the following programs will be located at the Skill Center building to begin the year: Art & Design for Business (ADS), Graphic and Media Design (GRA), and Computer Programming (CMP). The CMP program will be located on the second floor of the SC in Room 209/210; ADS and GRA will remain in the constructed labs that the programs have occupied since the fall of 2021.

Employee of the Month

The Erie County Technical School Employee for the month of March was Ms. Renee Heberle. Renee has been a valuable member of the secretarial staff for several years, but this past month she out did herself with her display of fabulous organizational skills and a teamwork mentality. Besides Renee's continued work to make the Student Service Office a welcoming place to come to for the ECTS students trying to connect with for Mrs. Foulkrod, Mr. Eggleston, and Mr. Woodburn, she ensured that the future students and the Occupational Advisory Committees members felt welcomed by supporting the recruitment process in SchoolMint and preparing for the OAC Spring Dinner with the mailing of the invitations and Committee member's gifts. Renee truly displayed all the **Staff Be-Attitudes** of: **Be Welcoming, Be Genuine, Be Considerate, Be Knowledgeable, Be Involved.**

Ashtabula County CTC Visit

On April 11, 2023, Joe Tarasovitch hosted the Superintendent and the Business Manager of the Ashtabula County Career & Technical School on a tour of the ECTS building and renovation project. Mr. Wludyga and Ms. Shean reviewed the Erie Times News article and found the ECTS project an interesting correlation to their upcoming plans for their preliminary discussion for renovation or a complete rebuild.

PA. House Democratic Policy Hearing

Mr. Tarasovitch was requested by State Representative Bizzarro to testify to the Democratic Policy Committee about the value of Governor Shapiro's career and technical education funding. Joe joined the session on Wednesday, April 12 and discussed the value of the yearly Supplemental Equipment Grant to ECTS; specially addressing the last two school years that has provided approximately \$116,000. Gratitude was expressed, but Mr. Tarasovitch also indicated that operating 18 educational programs is quite costly due to the continued equipment and supply updates required to keep the programs in-line with industry standards, so he encouraged the Democratic Policy Committee to consider more funding.

Welcoming Mr. LaVerde

The Erie County Technical School Administration welcomed Matt LaVerde with a full day orientation on Monday, April 17th. Each member of the administrative team spent time with Mr. LaVerde to discuss the aspects of their duties and provided transitional information for his consideration. The team shared a lunch that provided a refreshing and relaxing way to break up the daily agenda. On Tuesday, April 18th, the High School staff conducted a "Potluck" luncheon to further welcome Mr. LaVerde to the ECTS team. This was a fantastic display of the ECTS Be-Attitudes of Welcoming, Genuine, Considerate, Knowledgeable, and Involved due to the staff sharing of food and conversation as whole.