
Erie County Technical School Director's Report August 2023

Entry Plan – 100 Day Report

A presentation will be given to the JOC on the first 100 days at ECTS during the meeting. The presentation will capture the components of the Entry Plan for the new Director in relation to the feedback collected from stakeholders engaged with in the first 100 days.

New Teacher Orientation

ECTS ran new teacher orientation on August 21, 22 and 23, with half day programs each day where we covered a welcome to ECTS and what we are all about on day 1, introduced them to student supports and their aides on day 2, and then used their mentors and administrative staff to help new teachers plan their first week or two of school. We focused on creating a great new staff experience for the new teacher so each of them are feeling supported and prepared to hit the ground running. We also invited the teachers that started mid-year last year to join the orientation since they missed orientation last August with their late start.

Erie Gives Day

ECTS participated in the annual Erie Give Day conducted with the Erie Community Foundation. From what I am told, we had an unofficial record of \$1,150 donated by 7 donors, if you see these people please thank them as we also are sending thank you notes from the school.

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| * Dennis Olesnanik | * Stuart & Sandy Carr |
| * Michael & Becky Okel | * Maureen Brown |
| * Jason Porreco & Bianchi Honda | * Perry Construction Group |

PACTA Conference

The PA Career and Technical Association Annual Conference was held in Penn State July 25-27 which provided an opportunity for networking with other CTE programs, hearing updates from PDE and PACTA organizations, and hearing breakout sessions about best practices throughout the state. Mr. LaVerde attended on behalf of ECTS. It was announced at the conference that Judd Pittman was appointed as the new Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education, he also serves of the Board of the PA Rural Robotics and Innovation Institute 4 Tomorrow with Mr. LaVerde for the past 2 years.

Vehicle Purchasing

We continue to pursue a 10-Passenger Van purchase for the Transition Center through Humes Chrysler-Jeep in Waterford. This is an item that has been on the table for over 12 months now and is still being pursued. The maintenance department recently picked up a new truck for use in their programs at Humes, something that was planned last year and is officially in our possession now.

Skilled Trades: Students in the Workplace – September/October Date TBD

The Erie County Technical School will be hosting Career Street and Erie Together Group's Student in the Workplace event for the skilled trades on a date that is TBD in the first couple months of school. The day will start at ECTS with presentations by our staff on our program of services and educational programs. A foreman from each of our renovation crews will discuss their roles in the renovation project. A tour of the facility will be completed and then the educators and students will travel to local training sites for tours of several of our skilled trade unions for the rest of the day.

Student Spotlight – Summer Programming AAM & Co-op

According to Rob Eggleston, Cooperative Education Coordinator for ECTS, we ended the summer with 5 students in the Advanced Automotive Mentorship (AAM) program (formerly known as AYES).



Noah Majczyk

Noah is from Millcreek SD and is working at Champion Ford in Erie under the mentorship of Michelle Lawson.



Dakota Sherman

Dakota is from Fort LeBoeuf SD and is working at Lydic's Sales & Service in Cambridge Springs under the mentorship of Casey Lydic.



Hunter Zemp

Hunter is from Iroquois SD and is working at Champion Ford in Erie under the mentorship of Michelle Lawson.



Joshua Stanbro

Joshua is from North East SD and is working at Gary Miller Chrysler Jeep in Erie under the mentorship of Shawn Stanbro.



Samuel Pyle

Samuel is from Iroquois SD and working at Champion Ford in Edinboro under the mentorship of Brian Tidd.

Renovation Report

- School is opening and we are moving forward with taking over the labs in construction, metal fabrication, facility maintenance, design and drafting, electrical engineering. They were targeted to be done on 8/21 and there are some hiccups in the plan. We will be moving equipment, furniture, and materials in as school starts, as we are getting as many hands on-deck to help as possible including getting students involved.
- The pace of construction is slower than expected but we are making due as best as we can, we have tried to aid our short handed maintenance crew with extra help from instructors, manpower from Perry Construction, and manpower from a local football team.
- There were several change orders related to the paving project with unexpected layers and materials underneath causing extra material costs of a significant amount in each section around the building.
- The last phase of the project is starting with the old culinary wing and old Eagle's Nest turning into computer programming, computer networking, Graphics, and Art & Design.
- The completion date of the project has been moved back to end of February 2024 at this point with locker painting project put on hold until June of 2024 when school gets out.