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**Erie County Technical School  
Director's Report  
October 2023**

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### **ECTS New Program Discussion**

Discussions continue with the new or expansion of programming at ECTS. The decision has been to table COS expansion at this time and ask for approval to add Emergency & Protective Services (CIP 43.9999). Adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> program is still under consideration and further discussion.

### **Occupational Advisory Committee Meetings**

The fall Occupational Advisory Committee meetings were held on Monday, October 9, 2023. The Erie High School CTE teachers attended in mass and met with our teachers for networking and discussion of best practices as part of the day.

### **Perkins Review – Compliance Monitoring**

Pennsylvania Department of Education has started a Perkins Review for Compliance Monitoring on Erie County Technical School. We had initial communication in August, the kickoff virtual meeting was held on October 23, the digital file review is due on December 4, and the onsite review will be January 9-11.

### **ECTS Grant Projects Submitted**

1. Supplemental Equipment Grant Application Submitted for \$124,000 (will most likely get less).
  - MFT: Power Wave 300C Advanced Welding Machines (4 machines) @ \$18,250 each
  - PMT: Sharp 1640 Manual Lathe \$29,800
  - PMT: Bridgeport Manual Mill \$21,200
2. Pennsylvania Agricultural & Youth Grant
  - Matching Grant for \$50,000 (\$25,000 match)
  - Kits, materials, tools, and supplies for greenhouses – CNT build; FMT maintain and help build; EET do solar panels for electric, light, ventilation, and heat; TRC to grow items and sell and CUA to cook.

### **ECTS Substitute Teacher Rates 2023-2024**

1. ECTS Temporary Substitute Teacher Rates
  - Day to Day Substitute Teacher \$125/day
  - Long Term Substitute Teacher (planning & grading) / Licensed COS Sub \$150/day
  - Specialty rates used in past ~ Long Term in Skilled Trade \$225/day
  - Long Term Substitute 91+ days Step 1 of Contract
2. Using our Aides as Substitute Teachers – bumping rate due to aid rates being at or above \$125/day
  - Day to Day Substitute Teacher \$150/day
  - Long Term Substitute Teacher \$175/day

### **Struggles 2 Strengths Mental Health/SEL Programming – Kicked Off as a Leadership Training**

The 40 Developmental Assets are the core of the Struggles to Strengths programming this year. The kickoff training sessions were hosted by leadership with each program learning about family, school, and community leadership based on the 40 Assets. The monthly themes will continue to be based on the assets and our new contracted service provider, Craig Stevens, has started his monthly lessons with all the labs covering the subsection of the Support Assets. November's lessons will be based on Boundaries & Expectations.

### **Student Chapter of the National Home Builder's Association Kicked Off by Michele Bagnoni**

The Builder's Association of NWPA has sponsored our local chapter and all our students in CNT, FMT, and EET are being enrolled as student members. Michele Bagnoni presented to students on October 20 about the HBA and our local NWPA network. We are the 18<sup>th</sup> high school level chapter in the state of Pennsylvania and the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest chapter. We will be doing elections for officers and getting by-laws in place for our students to assume leadership of the local chapter.

### **Student Spotlight**

The following students competed in a Cyber Security Competition staying late into the evening to compete with our Computer Networking Teacher, Mr. Klins. The competition was put on by the Air Force Association and this was the first year we competed in a competition like this event.



Mason Melaragno  
Mason is a Junior from  
Fairview SD.



Isaac Trost  
Isaac is a Junior from  
Millcreek SD.



Arpan Uprety  
Arpan is a Senior from  
Millcreek SD.



Weston Killgas  
Weston is a Junior from North  
East SD.



Keegan Vilushis  
Keegan is a Senior from  
Fairview SD.



Srikar Rallaparri  
Srikar is a Senior from  
Fairview SD.

## ECTS Open House

This year we host November 16 ...

# ECTS OPEN HOUSE

*For 9th grade students and their families interested in applying  
to attend ECTS next school year.*

Thursday, November 16, 2023

4:30-6:30 pm



Erie County Technical School  
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## Renovation Report

- Clerk of the Works, Denis O'Brien has started supporting ECTS and working with the architect and contractors to get information and share information to make the project move efficiently.
- The change order for the Technology Wing that was discussed and tabled at the last meeting are being redesigned for a 30-40% reduction in costs for the IT and power, with most of the savings being in the labor.
- The last phase of the project is running slightly behind schedule on the completion date of January 20, 2024, for the computer programming, computer networking, Graphics, and Art & Design based on the holdup of electrical being redesigned and approval being held.

## Clerk of the Works sharing Progress Pictures

Canopies on the West side of the building are in place.



Ceiling grid and tile installed in LGI.

