
Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
December 2023

ECTS Expansion Discussion

Discussions continue about new programming and the expansion of current programming at ECTS. The Superintendents met on December 1 for their monthly meeting, and after great discussions about the future of ECTS they have decided to create a subcommittee with weekly meetings to guide this decision so decisions can be made by the end of January for our current enrollment cycle. Below are some background and key points for the expansion discussions and current application data as of 12/13/24 so you have some perspective.

Lab:	ADS	AUR	AUT	CMN	CMP	CNT	COS	CUA	DDE	ECE	EET	EPS	FMT	GRA	HEA	MTF	THM	PMT	STS
#1 Choice:	17	18	37	13	16	46	71	19	13	23	20	25	10	14	52	38	20	11	36
Openings:	16	14	24	17	15	13	14	40	17	22	13	20	12	15	13	12	21	22	15
Turn Away:	1	4	13		1	33	57			1	7	5		1	38	26			21
Room for More:				4				21	4				2				1	11	

- The Renovation added 2 new spaces for labs (called area 9 & area 10), plus 2 open classrooms.
- The Spring 2023 plan for Cosmetology 2 was proposed as building a 2nd salon and moving several other classes around. ECTS Board approval to get drawings and bids in April, while confusion occurred that some SDs approved it as actually happening.
- Construction bids were collected and in August we reviewed the plan for a 2nd salon with STS & HEA moving to areas 9 & 10 at cc \$650K, this was opposed by ECTS Administration and we presented alternative expansion ideas and a rationale for opposition – cost, job market, and loss of space for growth.
- We discussed Emergency & Protective Services (CIP 43.9999) as one of the expansion options and it was approved in October for opening in Fall of 2024.
- ***New Option for Cosmetology 2: Superintendents heard on 12/1 how we can expand COS to 2 teachers in same lab area by removing a wall & COS taking over current HEA space. Then HEA moves into the 2 extra general use classrooms filling the extra general use classes while preserving areas 9 & 10 for new programs (EPS being one of them). Estimated cost for new option of COS is \$180,000K with the relocation of HEA costing \$20,000.***
- Superintendents also discussed Health Assistant expansion to 2 teachers with turning mass numbers of applicants away (see numbers above), they were all on board with two teachers.
- ECTS budgets \$250K for new program development in the budget for the last few years, plans are to continue that set aside. That money will go towards EPS development and some of these shifts after renovation funds are spent.

- Anticipated ECTS & Local School budget impacts for adding COS #2, HEA #2, & EPS #1:
 - Current Tuition Rate is \$8,131.
 - Rough Estimate is \$165K to add 1 program, so 3 programs is \$500K.
(Teacher = \$100K, Equipment, Supplies, etc = \$50K, 1/2 of Support Staff = \$15,000)
 - Revenue is based off 20-22 students in HEA, COS, and EPS in year 1. Same for Year 2.
 - 20 New Students x \$8,400 = \$168,000
 - Per District, the estimate is 2 students per program per year, thus 6 for the 3 programs.
 - 6 New Students x \$8,400 = \$50,400 per district in 2024-2025.
 - 6 New Students x \$8,700 = \$52,200 per district in 2025-2026

Occupational Advisory Committee Meetings

The fall Occupational Advisory Committee meetings were held on Monday, October 9, 2023, and the spring Occupational Advisory Meetings are scheduled for February 15 as a Dinner Meeting (moved up a month from years past).

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 was on December 4, and the onsite review will be January 9-11.

Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment

Our Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment has been scheduled, we will be hosting a lunch meeting on Friday, January 19, from 11am-1pm for moving our career and technical education programming forward for the next 2-year cycle. The discussion of performance, expansion of programs, and community and industry needs will be the central focus of the discussions. All are welcome to attend if your schedule permits as we are inviting around 30 guests from local industry, our member districts, other CTEs, and the community.

ECTS Grant Projects Submitted

1. Competitive Equipment Grant Application Submitted for \$85,000.

• Power Wave 300C Advanced Welding Machines (2)	\$36,000
• In-booth Blender (6)	\$26,100
• Change Over Manifold (2)	\$12,700
• Pipe Bender (1)	\$10,200
2. Last Month's Grants
 - Supplemental Equipment Grant – awarded but we do not have amount (\$125K applied for, cc \$80K is what we are anticipating).
 - Pennsylvania Agricultural & Youth Grant (\$50,000) – no word yet.

Student Spotlight

The following students are a few of many who have been staying late with Mrs. Newell for running a monthly evening salon clinic. They have been seeing clients and spreading joy to the customers (staff, students, and friends of ECTS). My daughter, Macy LaVerde, has become a regular client of their services.



Cassie Myers
Cassie is a Junior from
General McLane SD.



Nina Teribery
Nino is a Junior from
Millcreek SD.



Kylie Snyder
Kylie is a Junior from
Fort LeBoeuf SD.



McKenna Edwards
McKenna is a Junior from
Wattsburg SD.

Renovation Report

- There are many new equipment and furniture purchases that need to take place as we were waiting to get through heavy construction before getting many of the new items.
- The work continues on the 3rd and final phase of the project (Tech Wing) with substantial completion being the end of January. The end is near ... everyone is excited to get the building turned back over to us completely.
- The new option for Cosmetology expansion, if we move forward, will be done over the summer, the landscaping touch ups will occur in the late spring and the hallway lockers will be painted over the summer for the final steps of the project after substantial completion.