

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report

May 2024

Local Advisory Committee & Perkins Meeting

The LAC & Perkins Stakeholder Meetings were held on May 17 at ECTS. We had a great turnout of around 35 stakeholders at the meeting. Here is a link to the handouts and presentation materials that were used at the meeting.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ewisUeXZKLDBLq1nhDxEwXYPVF3G25Ki?usp=drive_link

The Perkins Budget options for 2024-25 were presented at the meeting, Handout #7 in Google Folder and snipped below...

ECTS PERKINS GRANT SPENDING PLAN 2024-2025						
	Year		2023-2024	2024-2025 A	2024-2025 B	2024-2025 C
	Funding Total		\$378,905	\$378,905	\$416,796	\$341,015
	Item	Description	Current Budget	Budget Status Quo	Budget 10% Increase	Budget 10% Decrease
1	Personnel Salaries	Instructional Aides for working with Special Populations	\$157,225	\$185,792	\$206,131	\$185,792
2	Personnel Benefits	Instructional Aides for working with Special Populations	\$67,445	\$52,979	\$88,298	\$52,979
3	Media Access	3rd Grade Activity Books - Nontraditional Students	\$4,635	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,000
4	LifeTrack	Graduate Follow Up Surveys	\$3,105	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300
5	Skill USA	Student Memberships	\$753	\$950	\$950	\$950
6	Student Travel	Career Exploration Trips & Skills USA to States & Districts	\$13,825	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
7	Supplies for Special Populations	Supplies, PPE, & Tools for Special Populations	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,000
8	Microsoft Teams	Software Licenses	\$9,582	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600
9	Adobe	Software Licenses for ADS CMN, GRA	\$2,460	\$2,460	\$2,460	\$2,460
10	Industry Credentials	Purchase Industry Certifications for Special Populations	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$4,750
11	Computers	COS, MTF, THM, ADS (2023) ; CNT, COS, HEA, THM, PMT (2024)	\$71,507	\$71,500	\$60,000	\$54,134
12	CMN Technology	Fiber Optic Tool Kit; Fiber Optic Cable Tester	\$750			
13	CMP Technology	Labtop Cart, Various Computers (2023)	\$5,640	\$5,724		
14	CNT Tools	Various DeWalt tools (2023)	\$6,824			
15	FMT Tools	Thermal Cameras (2023)	\$2,850			
16	MFT Tools	Tungston Grinder, Plasma Torches (2023)	\$2,662			
17	WIN Learning	Site licence/software for Career Counseling	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$3,850
18	CTE 360	Curriculum Software	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
19	Vector Solutions	Site license/software for SafeSchools Training	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
20	FMT Equipment	Circuit Tracer (2023)	\$2,600			
21	THM Equipment	Freezer (2023)	\$2,175			
22	CNT Equipment	Disc Sander (2023)	\$1,710			
23	MFT Equipment	Positioner (2023)	\$4,557			
24	STS Equipment	Game Ready		\$3,500	\$3,500	
25	HEA Equipment	Mannequins		\$6,500	\$3,957	
		Sum	\$378,905	\$378,905	\$416,796	\$341,015

ECTS Ribbon Cutting will be at 7:00pm August 21 during New Student Orientation

ECTS will run New Student Orientation on August 21 at 6pm as a replacement event. We are focusing on creating a great new student experience where each person feels supported and prepared to hit the ground running. We will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 7pm as part of that event for the completion of the Renovation then a Bon Fire afterward for the students for fun.

NWPA School Leader Legislative Trip (April 30)

Lesa Scalese and Matt LaVerde accompanied IU5 Executive Director, Brad Whitman, and other IU Directors and Superintendents from Western PA on a trip to Harrisburg on April 30. We met with Representatives Merski, Harkins, Roae, James, Oberlander, Smith, Armanini, Scialabba, and Ortity, as well as Senators Laughlin, Argall, and Hutchinson. The discussions were based on advocating for NWPA and our list of talking points is attached to this report. Career and Technical Education was a popular subject in those discussions.

Signing Day for ECTS Seniors (May 22 @ 12:30pm)

ECTS hosted the Senior Signing Day for our graduates committing to take positions in the workforce or Military on Wednesday, May 22 at 12:30pm. The networking event had businesses, military representatives, and parents, who were able to join, partake in a ceremonial signing to commemorate the senior students transitioning to life after ECTS. The turnout was good with over a 100 people participating.

Senior Awards Ceremonies for ECTS Seniors (May 29)

Our senior awards ceremonies will be held at ECTS on May 29 in four separate sessions. The schedule is the following...

- 5:30pm – Cosmetology, Early Childhood, Health Assistant, Sports Therapy, & Transition Center
- 6:15pm – Art & Design, Graphic Media, Computer Networking & Programming, Hospitality, and Precision Machining
- 7:00pm – Construction, Facility Maintenance, Drafting & Design, Electrical, & Diversified Occupations.
- 7:45pm – Auto Repair and Technology, Metal Fabrication, and Culinary Arts

Renovation Report

- We are doing some more outside work with landscaping, gravel, adding fencing, and fixing damage from the jobsite.
- The doors continue to be an issue as several doors were not fire rated high enough and have been switched out.
- Controls continue to be an issue with HVAC, boilers, alarms, and balancing issues.
- Furniture and equipment orders are being placed currently for install over the summer months.

Student Spotlight

The following students were turned in for doing great work or displaying great leadership within their programs by their teachers. Below are some of the comments the teachers made about their students.



Caleb Peterson

Fairview – 11th CNT

Caleb was highlighted by his teacher for being a great worker and excellent helper in the construction lab. He is a leader amongst his peers in the program.



Morgan Frontera (10th)

Union City – 11th CNT

Morgan was also recognized by her teacher for being a great worker and team player in the lab. She is helpful and always on task.



Josh Hirtzel

North East – 11th FMT

Josh was highlighted by his teacher for being dependable, hardworking, having a positive attitude and being instrumental in the planning and rebuilding of the Facility Maintenance lab space.



Jesse Larson

Wattsburg – 12th AUR

Jesse has been working at Bates collision on co-op since his junior year and has been impressing his coworkers since day 1. He just received another raise with a commitment of continued employment and advanced training from management.



Julianna Miles

North East / 12th ECE

Julianna is our Senior Awards speaker for the 5:30pm ceremony from Early Childhood Education.



Megan Litz

McDowell / 12th GRA

Megan is our Senior Awards speaker for the 6:15pm ceremony from Graphic Media & Design.



Alison Keefer

Union City – 12th EET

Alison is our Senior Awards speaker for the 7:00pm ceremony and is a nominee for the IU5 Class Act Award. She has been a cooperative education student for most of her senior year.



Brock Rightnour-Hample

McDowell – 12th MFT

Brock is our Senior Awards speaker for the 7:45pm ceremony. He has been a cooperative education student for most of his senior year.

