

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent-Director Report
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October 1 st Enrollment

We recently reported our October 1st enrollments to member cities and towns, as well as to non-member school districts. Following is a summary of these numbers, which form the basis of FY2019 budget assessments for members and FY2018 tuition and transportation charges for non-member communities:

Beverly	127 students
Boxford	18 students
Danvers	147 students
Essex	20 students
Gloucester	107 students
Hamilton	13 students
Lynnfield	23 students
Manchester	6 students
Marblehead	28 students
Middleton	51 students
Nahant	10 students
Peabody	284 students
Rockport	23 students
Salem	183 students
Swampscott	21 students
Topsfield	16 students
Wenham	10 students

Total Member District Enrollment: 1,087 students

In addition, there are 295 non-member district students enrolled at Essex Technical High School (as of October 1, 2017). The largest non-member community enrollments come from Lynn (56 students), Saugus (27 students), Haverhill (26 students), and Methuen (24 students).

The total enrollment at Essex Technical High School as of October 1, 2017 is 1,382 students.

National FFA Convention Results

On October 24, 2017, 14 members, 1 alumnus, and 2 advisors of the Essex Chapter FFA traveled to Indianapolis to take part in the 90th National FFA Convention and Exposition. Among those participating were students competing with members from across the nation in a variety of Career Development Events.

Following is an accounting of Essex student successes at the conference:

- Caroline DeGrappo (Ipswich), Emma Pryor-West (Ipswich), Andrew Mann (Saugus), and Keith LeBrun (Gloucester) competed in the Veterinary Science Career Development Event. Individually, Caroline and Andrew ranked Gold and Keith and Emma ranked

Silver. The Veterinary CDE provides opportunities for participants to develop technical knowledge and demonstrate practical skills in the field of veterinary science. Components of this CDE are the Posology and General Knowledge exam, eight practicums, breed parasites, equipment identification, and a team event.

- In the AgriScience Fair, Anna Maria Miller (Middleton) and Nathaniel Jorgenson (Peabody) placed sixth in the Food Systems category with their research project (GMO: What are they, where are they, and should they be there?). The Food Systems category provides students with an opportunity to study the product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, regulation and compliance, and food service within the food science industry.
- Dustin Koocher (Newburyport) ranked Bronze in the Extemporaneous Speaking Event. Students in this event prepare and deliver a 4-6 minute speech on a topic selected during the event, as well as answering questions from the judges.
- Stephanie Dawe (an alumni member from Danvers) was awarded the Gold Key of the American FFA Degree. Stephanie is a member of the Class of 2016 Equine Science program, as well as a former Chapter and State FFA President. This degree is the highest recognition that an FFA member can earn, with less than one percent of the organization's participants reaching this level of recognition. This degree recognizes her commitment to her supervised agricultural experience, leadership abilities, and recordkeeping skills.

Additional members of our Chapter attended the Convention to serve as members of Courtesy Corp (assisting in the smooth operation of workshops and CDEs), attend the exposition to hear from agricultural companies and colleges, participate in workshops (e.g., Women in Agriculture, My Future in Agriculture, and Using Social Media to Promote Agriculture), etc.

Our students competed against almost 68,000 student representatives from over 4,000 FFA Chapters nationwide.

MCAS and District Accountability

Tom O'Toole, Director of Academic Programs, will present an overview of our most recent MCAS results, our school accountability status, and what the future holds with respect to MCAS 2.0 and the competency determination for high school graduation.

Strategic Plan

The first meeting of the Strategic Plan Action Committee group took place on Thursday, November 2, 2017. The task for this group is to devise proposed action plans for implementation of the strategic objectives crafted during last year's planning process. The committee is comprised of teachers, business partners, students, and administrators. Specific action plan recommendations should be finalized by the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

New Program Proposals

We have taken the preliminary step of filing applications with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to start programs in Medical Assisting, Engineering, Agricultural Mechanics, and Marketing/Business. Kathleen Holman and Heidi Riccio, our CTE Directors, will attend our December School Committee meeting to discuss this process, where we are headed with our vocational, agricultural, and technical programs, and how we are thinking about increasing the number of seats available to students.

Peabody City Council

I met with members of the Peabody City Council on Thursday, October 26, 2017 to discuss current enrollments, adult education programs, and efforts to increase opportunities for

member district students at Essex Technical High School. Thanks to Beverley Griffin Dunne (Peabody Representative to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District Committee) for attending the meeting.

School Resource Officer for 2018-2019

Brad Morgan and I met with Chief Patrick Ambrose to discuss next steps in establishing a School Resource Officer (SRO) position at Essex Technical High School for the 2018-2019 school year. We expect to discuss this concept, which was originally part of our FY2018 budget proposal, at the December Finance Subcommittee Meeting.

School Committee Tour

We are still working to finalize a date for a tour for those School Committee members who were unable to attend the October 3rd session. We expect to announce a date in the next week.