

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent's Report
Thursday, November 10, 2016

William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

Open House

Essex Technical High School will host our annual Open House on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We are anticipating that hundreds of prospective students and their families from both member and non-member communities will visit the school to learn more about our programs, the school, and the application process. Thanks to our teachers and administrators for all of their work in ensuring that Open House is great day for everyone who attends.

Adult Education

Carissa Karakaedos provided the Finance Subcommittee with an update on our Adult Education programs at their meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Following is a summary of that discussion:

- We are currently running the courses in Journeyman Electrical, Masters Electrical, and Phlebotomy.
- A number of other courses were planned (including Plumbing, Auto Body, and EKG), but did not run due to enrollment and teacher availability. We are planning to offer these courses again soon.
- A great deal of time has been spent settling outstanding reimbursement and refund claims for courses from the prior year, as well as for prior year adult education teachers who were paid outside of their service agreements.
- In addition to the courses that we are planning to offer, we are also looking at collaborating with community-based agencies to offer other courses (e.g., EMT, Certified Nursing, Advanced Manufacturing, etc.) and to create a cost share model through renting space to instructors interested in running particular courses in our buildings.

AFSCME Negotiations

We are tentatively scheduled to meet with the AFSCME (General) Negotiating Team on Thursday, November 17, 2016 to resume collective bargaining. I will provide the Personnel Subcommittee with an update on these talks at our next meeting.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is continuing to seek input on possible changes to the Massachusetts' accountability system and other aspects of education in light of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Public Forum sessions on ESSA will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the following locations:

- Monday, November 14th - second floor of the Bolling Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury
- Monday, November 21st - Oak Middle School, 45 Oak St., Shrewsbury
- Tuesday, November 29th - Brockton High School, 470 Forest Ave., Brockton
- Thursday, December 1st - Holyoke High School, 500 Beech St., Holyoke
- Tuesday, December 6th - Collins Middle School, 29 Highland Ave., Salem

Commissioner Visit

Commissioner Chester will visit Essex Technical High School on Friday, December 9, 2016. We are very pleased that the Commissioner will be able to spend time at our school talking with students and teachers, as well as seeing our programs and hearing about the opportunities available to students at the school.

Rockport Rotary

I have been invited to speak to the Rockport Rotary Club about our District and School on Thursday, November 10, 2016. School Committee member Bruce Perkins will also attend the meeting, which will be held at the Emerson Inn at noon.

Student and Staff Recognition

Congratulations to the following students, who were recognized as “Students of the Month” for September:

- Academy A: Caroline DeGrappo (Veterinary Science)
- Academy B: Shane Joubert (Collision Repair)
- Academy D: Nathaniel Jorgenson (Biotechnology)
- Academy E: Bridget Gaskell (Electrical)

In addition, congratulations to Kristina Dragani (STEM), who was named “Staff Member of the Month.”

MASS-MASC Conference Presentation

Joel Spruance (Teacher Induction Supervisor) and I presented on our Teacher Induction Program at the recent MASS-MASC Conference in Hyannis. You can access the slides from our presentation at the following site:

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B13pg3uzeGLHQ1RIaFBOWS1VZEU/view?usp=sharing>

Essex North Shore “In the News”

- Check out the “Are you ready for Essex Tech?” video created by the Graphics and Design & Visual Communication programs (<http://www.essextech.net/2016/11/04/are-you-ready-for-essex-tech/>).
- “Essex Tech Students Plant Vegetation Screen Behind Softball Field” from the *Lynnfield Villager* (http://diw1nsuw6lkzf.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Essex-Tech-Article-reprint_to-make-uneditable.pdf).
- Our Natural Resources students have embraced the concept of outdoor learning labs. See their website detailing the wetlands of Essex Tech (<https://sites.google.com/a/eths.education/wetlands-of-essex-tech/>).
- “Habitat for Humanity Begins First Hamilton Project” from the *Salem News* (http://www.salemnews.com/news/local_news/habitat-for-humanity-begins-first-hamilton-project/article_f86d8512-ac32-508a-b810-9ea284b83854.html).