

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent's Report
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William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

Freshman CTE Program Placement

Our freshman students began their vocational, technical, and agricultural program placements on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Thanks to our program teachers, our guidance staff (including Sandra Goldstein, Director of Guidance and Admissions), and our Coordinators of Career and Technical Education (Kathleen Holman and Carissa Karakaedos) for their terrific work during the exploratory, application, and assignment process. Over 92% of our freshman students were placed in either their first or second program choices.

Following is a list of our program areas and the number of freshman students enrolled:

Advanced Manufacturing	13	Arboriculture	8
Auto Technology	9	Biotechnology	16
Carpentry	14	Collision Repair	6
Companion Animals	21	Cosmetology	12
Culinary Arts	22	Dental Assisting	17
Design & Visual	10	Electrical	22
Environmental Technology	17	Equine Sciences	17
Graphic Communication	15	HVAC/R	16
Health Assisting	24	Information Systems Technology	19
Landscaping	14	Masonry	12
Natural Resource Mgmt.	9	Plumbing	15
Sustainable Horticulture	2	Veterinary Technology	24

We continue to consider these numbers, along with the career data available from the Workforce Investment Board, to ensure that we are offering the right array of programs at the school. We hope to consider program additions and modifications over the coming months for consideration by the School Committee as part of the FY2019 budget process.

Class of 2021 Applications

We are pleased to report that 1,074 students from 54 different cities and towns have applied for admission to next year's freshman class at Essex Technical High School. This includes 735 students from member communities and 339 eighth graders from non-member cities and towns. Following is a community-by-community profile of our class of 2021 applicants:

Beverly	99	Boxford	13
Danvers	79	Essex	6
Gloucester	86	Hamilton	5
Lynnfield	17	Manchester	5
Marblehead	30	Middleton	30
Nahant	6	Peabody	170
Rockport	13	Salem	134
Swampscott	30	Topsfield	7
Wenham	5	Amesbury	9
Andover	4	Billerica	1
Boston	3	Burlington	8
Byfield	1	Cambridge	1
Chelsea	2	Dracut	2
Everett	5	Georgetown	3
Groveland	6	Haverhill	38

Ipswich	8	Lawrence	38
Lowell	1	Lynn	68
Malden	7	Marlborough	1
Melrose	4	Merrimac	6
Methuen	38	Newbury	1
Newburyport	2	North Andover	9
North Reading	6	Reading	5
Revere	8	Rowley	3
Salisbury	4	Saugus	23
Stoneham	3	Tewksbury	3
Wakefield	5	Wilmington	7
Winthrop	1	Woburn	4

The real work now begins for our guidance and admissions staff. The review of student grades, attendance, and discipline records, as well as an interview for each student, will take place over the coming months. All eighth grade applicants will receive a letter noting their status (accepted for admission or wait listed) on or before Friday, April 14, 2017. A second round of acceptances will be sent after we are able to confirm those who will be enrolling from our initial group of accepted students.

In addition to these eighth grade applicants, we are able to accept a more limited number of students for the 10th and 11th grade groups. To that end, we have received 15 applications for the class of 2019 and another 54 applications for the class of 2020. These applications, which tend to be granted on a much more program specific basis, will be considered later in the spring.

Again, my thanks to Sandra Goldstein and the guidance staff for their tremendous work with our new on-line application process, with all of the member and non-member school staff who support this application process, and with the students and families who are applying to the school.

Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program

We are pleased to announce that Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District has been chosen as one of the recipients of the Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program, which is designed to assist in the creation/enhancement of vocational, technical, and agricultural programs. We will receive \$244k to update and expand our allied health career programs.

Our project will enhance and expand the existing allied health program to provide students with instruction and experiences that are not currently available because of the lack of certain equipment. Allied health is a critical driver in the North Shore economic engine and employment opportunities in the region are predicted to continue to grow. These funds will allow for the purchase of state-of-the-art training and medical equipment that students would find in the workplace. It will also allow high school health assisting students to participate in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training during the school day and for the addition of both an evening EMT program and health assisting program as part of the District's adult education program to provide training for underemployed/unemployed adults.

While many people played a significant role in the development of this grant proposal, I want to particularly thank Maryellen Rancourt for her work in bringing this application and funding to fruition.

School Naming Issue

On November 21, 2016, Tim Norris (School District Legal Counsel) responded to my request for an opinion regarding the question of the appropriate naming of this school district and high school, the legislation creating the district, and the powers of a regional school committee. While School Committee members requested a conversation with Mr. Norris regarding his letter at our January meeting, he is unavailable to attend our February or March meetings.

I would suggest that we schedule a separate meeting for the Committee (or a designated Subcommittee) to discuss the matter with Mr. Norris.