

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent's Report
Tuesday, April 11, 2017

William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student Award

Ally Lufkin, a senior in the Health Assisting Program, is the 2017 Essex Technical High School nominee for Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student. Ally is the daughter of Sean and Molly Lufkin and comes to our school from Gloucester. She takes pride in her work and has flourished during her externships at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Ally has earned a 4.0 grade point average and has challenged herself with a rigorous course load, including honors and advanced placement classes. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society during her sophomore year. Ally is a member of the student mentoring program, working with freshmen to ease their transition to high school. Additionally, Ally is a member of the varsity cheer team and the varsity softball team. She is also the recipient of the John and Abigail Adams scholarship and plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University to major in Nursing.

Academic Director

The FY2018 budget calls for the elimination of the Humanities Director and STEM Director positions and the creation of a single Academic Director role. We are pleased to announce that Tom O'Toole, who currently serves as our Humanities Director, will assume this new role (beginning on July 1, 2017).

Assistant Principals

The FY2018 budget calls for the elimination of our four (4) Associate Principal positions and the creation of two (2) Assistant Principal positions and one (1) Freshman Assistant Principal/Admissions Director position. We are pleased to announce that Don Gibson and Jennifer Skane have been hired as our Assistant Principals and Shannon Donnelly will serve as our Freshman Assistant Principal/Admissions Director (again, effective on July 1, 2017).

Carissa Karakaedos

Carissa Karakaedos, who serves as one of our Vocational Coordinators (as well as handling Adult Education, Community Relations, and Partnership responsibilities) has informed me that her family will be relocating to Florida to be closer to her husband's work in mid-April. Although Carissa only started with Essex North Shore in July 2016, she has had a profound positive impact on our school and programs. We will miss her very much.

We have completed initial interviews for a new Vocational Director and hope to be able to make an announcement regarding this position soon. In addition, I am examining our options with respect to adult education, community relations, and college partnerships and plan to have a proposal for the School Committee on these issues in the coming days.

Grants

We are pleased to announce that the District will receive a \$4,800 grant for the biotechnology program through the BioTeach SPOT program. This grant will provide materials to allow for an expanded analysis of ticks that students collected on campus to determine the level of Lyme carrying bacteria. The two biotechnology teachers and three biology teachers will also be able to attend a full day workshop at Bioteach to learn more about Agarose gel electrophoresis, which they will use in the tick analysis and adds more to the value of the grant.

Thanks to Deb O'Reilly, Arlyssa LaPorte, and Maryellen Rancourt for their work on this valuable grant.