

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent's Report
Thursday, May 11, 2017**

William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

Vocational Director

I am very pleased to announce the hiring of Heidi Riccio as Director of Career and Technical Education, replacing Carissa Karakaedos, effective on July 1, 2017.

Dr. Riccio began her career in the hospitality industry as a sales manager for the Marriott Corporation. In 1997, she was hired to teach hospitality at Greater Lawrence Technical School and, over the years, was given the opportunity to be in a variety of leadership roles including department chairperson, academy supervisor, and CTE Director. In 2013, she became the Principal/Director of Medford Vocational Technical High School. While there, Heidi opened nine (9) new Chapter 74 programs, wrote over \$1M in successful competitive grant funding applications, and worked collaboratively with the comprehensive high school to bring rigorous academic courses to vocational school students and offer CTE courses to traditional high school students. During her time in Medford, Heidi has been actively involved in community based projects, brought back adult education programming, doubled enrollment for incoming ninth grade students, and strengthened a partnership with Everett to provide vocational opportunities to their high school students.

Heidi holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Johnson & Wales University, a Master of Education degree from Fitchburg State University, a CAGS from Salem State University, and a Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

We are thrilled to have Heidi joining our administrative team here at Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District.

Cooperative Education Coordinator

We have interviewed eight (8) terrific candidates for our Cooperative Education Coordinator role and expect to name one of them to this position on or before Friday, May 12, 2017.

Sheriff Coppinger Visit

Kevin Coppinger, Essex County Sheriff, and members of his staff toured the facilities that would be utilized for the Basic Training Academy that was approved at our School Committee meeting in April.

Plant Something Day

The Department of Agricultural Resources has asked us to host "Plant Something Day" activities on Monday, May 15, 2017. I will provide you with more details regarding this event as they become available.

Discrimination and Harassment

All Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District employees will complete the Discrimination and Harassment policy and procedures training in May.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that Mary Kroesser (Director of Human Resources) and Sandra Goldstein (Director of Guidance) have been appointed as our Title(s) VI and IX Coordinators.

Class of 2021

As of Monday, May 8, 2017, 338 8th grade students (262 from member cities and towns; 76 from non-member communities) had accepted our invitation to enroll at Essex Technical High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Approximately 320 students and their parents took part in placement testing and workshops on Saturday, May 6th.

We hope to have more complete information regarding this group in the next few weeks. At that point, we will notify city and town officials of their enrollment numbers for this incoming freshman class.

Enrollment for a limited number of upperclassmen in specific programs where we currently have seats will be addressed in late May and early June.