# Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District Superintendent-Director's Report Thursday, June 15, 2017

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## Graduation 2017

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduation from Essex Technical High School was held on Friday, June 2, 2017. This is the final class of students who began their high school careers at Essex Agricultural and Technical High School, North Shore Technical School, and Peabody High School (technical programs). Gene Demsey (former Principal of Essex Aggie) and Amy O'Malley (former Superintendent-Director of North Shore) served as speakers for this ceremony honoring the accomplishments of our 252 graduates.

District Signage

Kathleen Holman will attend our June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide the School Committee with an update on the proposal to install Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District signage on our campus.

Program Evaluation

Both Kathleen Holman and Carissa Karakaedos (Vocational Coordinators) will attend our June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide the School Committee with an update on our Program Evaluation pilot project, as well as next steps for the coming year.

Curriculum Revision and Update

Ms. Holman and Ms. Karakaedos will also provide the School Committee with an overview of our vocational, technical, and agricultural curriculum revision and update project, which will begin this summer.

#### **HVAC/R Student Certifications**

We are pleased to announce that the following HVAC/R students have received their EPA Section 608 Universal Certification. This certification allows students to work on appliances containing refrigerant (including air conditioning units) and purchase refrigerant from supply houses.

Seniors:

Alex Herrmann, Brendan Ahearn, and Mike Buckley

Juniors:

Justin Backe, Lou Craig, Dylan Christianson, Shane McNally, Bailey Heald,

Nicholas Irving, Sam Legere, and Mitchell Lentine

Sophomore:

Kyle Somers

Thanks to Miguel Perez and Mark Santorsola, HVAC/R Instructors, for their work with these students.

## Cooperative Education Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Lisa Berube will be joining our District as Cooperative Education Coordinator, effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

Lisa Berube began her career as an Office Technology Instructor and Career Counselor at Greater Lawrence Technical High School. In 2009, she was appointed to the position of Cooperative Education Liaison for that District, a position she held until 2015. Two years

ago, Lisa became the full-time Cooperative Education Coordinator at Medford Vocational Technical High School. While there, Lisa brought organization and stability to the Co-op program. She established clear guidelines for instructors, students and parents, aligned all of the necessary documentation with Chapter 74 guidelines and implemented a system for evaluating the safety of all work sites. Through networking efforts, Lisa was able to bring some key members to the Program Advisory boards, and most importantly, has increased co-op placements for students, as well as other opportunities, such as job-shadowing, internships and externships.

Lisa holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Southern New Hampshire University, and has additional Graduate course credits from the University of Massachusetts Boston, Salem State University and Fitchburg State University.

#### Superintendent-Director Reports (Summer 2017)

While our School Committee will not be meeting during July and August, I will continue to update you on important issues through a bi-weekly Superintendent-Director Report. These reports will begin on Friday, July 7, 2017.

#### 2017-2018 School Year

Teachers will report to Essex Technical High School on Monday, August 28, 2017 to open the 2017-2018 school year. Students will then report on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. A full accounting of orientation days for new teachers and other summer highlights will be included in my summer Superintendent-Director reports.