

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District
Superintendent-Director Report
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

William H. Lupini, Superintendent-Director

National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society Induction

Essex Technical High School inducted 60 grade 11 students and 8 grade 12 students into the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Current members of the societies supported the induction, including reading statements recognizing mentors or people who inspired them from each of the inductees.

This year's inductees were selected from over 110 submitted applications solicited from nearly 300 students whose career GPAs were 3.5 or above. The selection committee used a scoring system that awarded points for teacher recommendations, essays, extracurricular activities, leadership, community service, and received awards. Later this year, the NHS/NTHS will elect officers and determine specific activities for the group at the school and in our community.

Advisory Committee

The Spring Program Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting and the General Advisory meetings were held on Thursday April 5, 2018.

The General Advisory Committee met at 5:00pm in the Bistro with twenty five (25) attendees. The agenda included review of the minutes from the fall meeting, new OSHA regulations (beginning September 2018), the Program Quality Assessment Tool, update on the new Chapter 74 programs, and discussion of the AVTE White Paper.

There were over 250 attendees, including staff members, present at the PAC meeting. Billy Butts from ND Landscape Inc. in Georgetown was our guest speaker. He shared his experience as a cooperative education employer and how their onboarding procedure with students has changed over the last three years. He stressed the need for the employers to remain involved in our programs by offering field trips to their facilities, guest speakers, and donations of supplies.

Students from SkillsUSA then provided an update on the district contest and the preparations for the state competition later this month. Dr. Riccio then provided an update on the FFA state contests.

An important aspect of the evening included the individual program meetings, which took place in shop areas. Kathleen Holman (West) and Lisa Berube (East) circulated to these meetings as Heidi Riccio chaired the meeting for the new Engineering Program. In many areas the main topic of conversation included finding qualified employees for positions that are open or will be open in the near future.

Brad Morgan

Congratulations to Mr. Morgan, who has been named as Superintendent with the North Middlesex Regional School District. Pending agreement on a contract, Brad will begin his new position on July 1, 2018.

NEASC Accreditation

Thanks to all of our School Committee members, administrators, and teachers who attended the opening dinner for our NEASC visiting team on Monday, April 9, 2018. In addition, I want to extend my thanks to Shannon Donnelly and Jennifer Skane, who have so ably chaired our efforts in preparing for this visit.

Auto Expo

We will be hosting an Auto Expo on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the high school. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Automotive Technology and Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing tool scholarship programs. The Expo is being sponsored by the Kelly Auto Group. More information is available at <http://www.essextechautoshow.com/>.