

## Report of Director, December 20, 2017

1. On Thursday, November 30th, I traveled to Augusta with four other CTE Directors to meet once again with the Maine Department of Education team to discuss the results of revisions to the initial Career & Technical Education (CTE) Essential Programs & Services (EPS) funding report. Multiple issues with the funding model were discussed, however, it is unlikely they will all be resolved any time soon. It is expected at our MACTE Directors meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017, that the DOE Team will either roll out our proposed individual subsidy amount for the 2018/2019 school year or delay implementing the CTE –EPS funding model until the 2019/2020 school year.
2. On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, I met with our area Superintendents. I invited Paul Hambleton, Director of the Office of Learning Systems/Chief Academic Officer - Maine Department of Education who is also part of the DOE Team working on the proposed CTE –Essential Programs & Services Funding Model to attend. The primary focus of our meeting was the opportunity for everyone to discuss with Mr. Hambleton the current & pending legislation that affects all of us. Other items on the agenda was the 2018/2019 Regional Calendar, 2017 Audit, CTE Director Evaluation and an update on a CTE Directors meeting with DOE on 11/30/17.
3. Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our EMT/FF and Law Enforcement Programs participated in the Lincoln Lakes Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights Parade. Staff and students from these programs deserve recognition for making our participation in this event possible.
4. On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, I met with the Health Science Careers Instructors to review the revisions to the Medical Terminology and Medical Office curriculum in order to meet the requirements for students to receive additional college credit from EMCC. Mrs. Hale is also working with Beal College and Northern Maine Technical College.
5. On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, I met with our area principals to provide them with a copy of our draft 2018/2019 Regional Calendar and gain their input regarding early release, vacation, in-service, start and end of school. This work will be ongoing for the next few months and is due into the DOE by May 6, 2018.
6. On Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> our Program Review Committee met per policy to review the Law Enforcement Program which has been under subscribed. We discussed the low enrollment issue and reviewed a handout that I presented to the committee members. After this discussion we moved to the Law Enforcement classroom where Mr. Peters, the Law Enforcement instructor gave a short presentation. The committee members returned to the staff room where they reviewed once again the information provided. The unanimous decision was made to recommend to the Cooperative Board to extend the program by at least one more year. However, the October 1, 2018 enrollment numbers for the Law Enforcement program must be more than 50% of the most current Maximum Enrollment Guidelines in order to continue the program.
7. The Negotiations Meeting scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> was cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 4 p.m.
8. Well we are certainly near the half way mark for this school year and I will once again start meeting with our Seniors to check in on whether they are on track at their sending schools to graduate and also to provide additional resources, make sure those who are going to college have applications completed and financial aid options explored. I also want to make sure we are informed about any other issues that students are struggling with that we still have time to resolve. Although the process is very time consuming I find it to be very meaningful in terms of not only providing solutions to student issues but also to gain very valuable feedback from students. This information is always used to improve the Region III experience for current and future students. I have included the results from the 2016/2017 surveys in your packet.
9. Preparations for the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget are underway. I will be meeting with instructors on their Program budgets after the holidays and hope to have this completed by the end of January. I am still working on a schedule for the Budget Comm. as well as completing projections for health insurance etc. Budget Comm. Meetings will probably start in mid-February. Will keep you posted.

Hope to see you at our board meeting next week. Remember it is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 20, 2017** due the Christmas Holiday rather than our regular fourth Wednesday of the month schedule. The time has also been changed to **5:30 Finance Meeting** and **6:00 p.m. for the Cooperative Board Meeting**.