

**Report of Director  
November 20, 2017**

1. Our first quarter assemblies were held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and I am excited to share with you that **94 students** received perfect attendance awards for the first quarter and **91 students** received Academic Excellence Awards (93 or better average) . This is outstanding and truly remarkable. We also recognized students for Student of the Quarter, ARCH card recipients and provided treats for students willing to share what was happening in their programs. Watch for additional coverage in the Lincoln News
2. On November 11<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Veterans Breakfast here at Region III. What a heartwarming event this has turned into. I am so proud of our students and staff who gave up their holiday to recognize and serve our area Veterans. Over 200 veterans and special guests were served and many of them made sure to tell me how much they appreciated our efforts. The Veterans also spoke highly about our students and how caring and thoughtful they were. Betty Vose our Career Prep/JMG Instructor, Chef Ammerman our Culinary Instructor and Tim Peters our Law Enforcement Instructor along with all the student volunteers deserve many thanks for their efforts in making the Veterans Breakfast such a special event.
3. Preparations for the 2018/2019 Proposed Budget are underway. I will be meeting with instructors on their Program budgets after the Thanksgiving holiday 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. Will keep you posted. Keep in mind it is proposed that all CTE Schools must adhere to a new CTE model of the Essential Programs & Services (EPS) funding formula for state subsidy as outlined in the ED279 report. The legislature will not vote on the proposed CTE EPS funding formula until January, making it difficult to proceed with the budget process as usual which is why we are starting earlier this year. Will keep you updated.
4. Osha Training for the OSHA 10 hour card will begin for students on 1/8/2018 and will continue through 1/11/18. This is an important training for students to obtain and is certainly a plus on the resume for potential employers. Students will also receive Driving Dynamics instruction on 12/5/2017 and 12/6/2017.
5. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Maine Administrators of Career & Tech Ed (MACTE) Directors meeting scheduled to be held in Lewiston was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Unfortunately I did not receive the message to cancel until I was in Bangor. Honestly I would not have continued on to Lewiston even if they hadn't cancelled as the road conditions on the interstate were horrible. I traveled back to Region 3 and due to trees and wires being down across the Phinney Farm Road I was unable to get home until the next day. Had a nice visit with my daughter... The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at UTC in Bangor.
6. Charlotte Bates, Director of Policy and Research Services at Maine School Management Association (MSMA) will be making a presentation at our next board meeting in December. Mrs. Bates will make recommendations based on her review of our policy book.
7. I have included a draft copy of our 2017 audit for your review. However, the actual bound audit reports will be provided to you at our board meeting. Our auditors Jim Wadman and Kellie Bowden will present the audit to you at our upcoming meeting. Our audit went very well and adding to this good news is the fact that we did not receive a management letter.

I am pleased to welcome Richard Angotti and Michael Crowley representing Millinocket to our NPT Region 3 Cooperative Board along with Loree Libbey representing Howland. Hope to see all of you at our board meeting next week. Remember it is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday rather than our normal fourth Wednesday of the month.

