

**NPT Region III
Director's Report
April 26, 2018**

1. **On March 30th**, I met with our region superintendents. The final Regional Calendar was reviewed for final revisions and will be submitted to the Dept. of Education along with each member's board approved school calendar. The deadline for submission is May 4th. I also presented the Budget Committee's Proposed 2018/2019 Region III & Adult Ed Budgets. Based on an in-depth review of what was included in the new CTE-EPS State allocation for next year (2018/2019) I did my best to explain that we are not being funded 100% and why we are requesting a small local share.

To begin, the Proposed 2018/2019 Budget includes a \$55,309 local share distributed amongst the 28 member units Region III serves. Starting with the 2018/2019 school year, Region III and other CTE schools will receive a direct state subsidy, with the money distributed through a funding formula similar to the Essential Programs and Services model used to determine state funding of local school districts. Region III is scheduled to receive \$1.895 million in state subsidy for the 2018/2019 school year.

This allocation is based on 2016/2017 expenses plus a 3%. **However, it is extremely important people understand we are not funded at 100%**. For Example, transportation and equipment are not funded at all and health insurance is underfunded by \$103,000. Another important factor to consider is that in 2009 the 28 member units voted to approve a \$2.3 million bond/loan with an annual payment of \$166,000. We currently have 7 years of loan payments remaining. These factors contribute to why we are asking for a local share of \$55,309. In comparison to this year's \$1.631 million local share, the requested amount for **2018/2019 is \$55,309 to be shared among the 28 member units**. We are very fortunate that the full amount of the debt service was not part of the local share assessment as it is more than 50% of the reason NPT Region III falls outside the model established for the CTE-EPS funding formula.

Also, please remember that we do not have the resources available from our Unassigned Fund Balance to apply and reduce the requested local share any further. Unfortunately, the compromise I was hoping for was not reached and a zero local share is what the superintendents support.

Copies of the proposed budgets will be included in your board packet.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

2. **On April 5th**, I met with members of our Policy Committee to continue the review, replace and revisions of our policies. Our plan is to try to meet twice a month until we have completed all policies addressed in Charlotte Bates report. The committee has been working diligently to complete this work. You will find the agenda for our April Cooperative Board meeting is quite full of first and second readings.
3. **On April 9th**, I met with two of our area principals. We discussed year end events and senior's last day as well as the last student day. Our last student day at Region III is estimated to be June 14th. The regional calendar, Accuplacer changes and the legislative debate regarding proficiency based diplomas were also discussed.

On April 12th, I met with members of our Budget Committee to share the results of my meeting with the area superintendents. In your last board packet you were provided budget options. A zero local share (assessment) and a \$55,309 local share (assessment). The current year local share (assessment) shared by our 28 member units is \$1.6 million. Our areas Superintendents are strongly urging a zero assessment for the regular budget and debt service. I respect their opinions greatly; however, as I have stated above in my review of the superintendents meeting I have examined and verified with Joanne Allen, Director of Finance, Dept. of Education that we are **not being funded 100%**. It is also my responsibility to protect as much as possible the financial integrity of Region III and opportunities for students. The CTE-EPS funding formula is new and unique to Career and Technical Regions and Centers and we are feeling the pain of transitioning to this new method. I don't believe everything can be worked out this first year but we can certainly voice our concerns for tweaking what doesn't work in the future. I ask for your patience and support of the proposed \$55,309 local share (assessment). Please review the spreadsheet on the back of the proposed budget so you can see how it impacts your unit. You will be surprised at how much less everyone would be paying.

4. **On April 28th**, we will travel to Lewiston to attend the Maine Administrators of Career and Tech Ed (MACTE) recognition banquet for students chosen as the MACTE Student of the Year from each of the 27 Career and Tech Ed Centers or Regions. Allison Noddin was chosen as NPT Region III's Student of the Year. Allison is a two year student. One year in our Certified Nursing Assistant Program and this year in our Emergency Medical Technician/Fire Fighter Program. Allison is a senior at Schenck High School. I will be introducing Allison at the Cooperative Board Banquet next week on Wednesday, April 25th.

Remember our Cooperative Board Banquet has been rescheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 25th and our monthly Cooperative Board Meeting is rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26th. I look forward to seeing all of you next week. Think Spring!!