

Report of Director
Board Back up
August 22, 2018 Meeting

1. SUCCESS – Our first ever CTE Middle School Summer Boot Camp was a huge success. Our boot camp was offered on July 23, 24 & 25, 2018. We served 43 Middle School students from throughout our region. Five programs were offered which included projects, field trips, in house guest speakers, safety, program projects, prizes and much more. It was a whirlwind three days for sure... I have included in your packet a copy of the survey results from the Middle School students who participated. The staff who participated were Rick Smart, EMT, David Hartley & Max Voisine, Welding, Leigh Thurlow, Web Design/Digital Communication, Chef Ammerman, Culinary Arts and David Shedd, Construction Technology/Cabinet Making. These folks deserve huge amounts of appreciation for going above and beyond to provide such a quality opportunity to our regional youth.

2. On June 29th, I received this email from Wendy Ault, Executive Director, MELMAC Education Foundation.

This award totals \$136,000 over four years. We are so excited to bring more new opportunities to our Region III students.

Dear Mary:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Board of Directors of the MELMAC Education Foundation, I am very pleased to announce that Northern Penobscot Tech, Region III has been selected to receive a 2018 CTE Pathways Initiative grant. The applications were read by a panel of independent readers and the Board has endorsed their recommendation that both portions of your proposal be funded – Boosting Career and College Readiness in the amount of \$14,000.00 and Systems Innovation in the amount of \$20,000.00. The duration of this grant is four years (ending in June 2022).

In July, you will receive a formal letter confirming your award as well as two checks. The first check in the amount of \$7,000.00 will represent the first half of your 2018/2019 Boosting Career and College Readiness award. The second half of that award will be sent in January 2019. The second check in the amount of \$20,000.00 will represent the full 2018/2019 Systems Innovation award.

As with all grants funded by the MELMAC Education Foundation, there is no guarantee that subsequent grant awards will be made by MELMAC to a grantee if a grantee does not meet all of the requirements of this grant. The Foundation requires regular review of grant funds with the grant coach and College Access Team, and expects that grantees will accurately account for all grant related expenditures. Discrepancies or deficiencies in reporting use of grant funds may cause a delay in, or cancellation of, future disbursements.

I am aware that Northern Penobscot Tech has recently received a George M. Briggs Award from the State of Maine. Given that award will fund initiatives similar to those funded under the CTE Pathways Initiative, I am interested in learning from you how the two grant awards will work together.

Again, congratulations on your successful proposal. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Ault
Executive Director
MELMAC Education Foundation

3. On July 25, 2018, I had a conversation with Bruce Mattison of the Dept. of Transportation regarding a reduction or enforcement of the speed limit here on West Broadway and the location of Region III. I am concerned that students, buses and employees are not safe enough with the traffic going by our school so fast as well as the increased amount of traffic. I am hopeful for a positive outcome.

4. This school year, I will be serving on two subcommittees, Bridge Year and Marketing. Several CTE Directors will serve on these committees with me. The goal is to review the new changes/flexibilities and determine the best way to encourage students to enroll in the program. It will take the support of parents, superintendents, principals and teachers to make this work but who can argue with a student leaving high school with upwards of 25 or more college credits.

The countdown is now on for the start of the new 2018/2019 school year. I am planning the two day teacher workshop days which take place on Monday, August 27th and Tuesday, August 28th. The first student day is Wednesday, August 29th. It's going to be an exciting year!!!

Look forward to meeting with all of you next Wednesday, August 22, 2018. ☺

“Students don't care what you know, until they know that you care.” Unknown