

Report to the Director

From

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Region 3

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Since the last Board meeting, I've continued to work with all of the sending school Guidance Counselors and Region 3 staff (Beth Hatt) and Faculty to resolve student issues in academics, attendance, and other matters. Beth Hatt has accommodated many students by getting them extra courses and tutorials so that they can stay on track to graduate on time. We've been sharing Accuplacer scores with the Guidance Counselors to help students get into colleges.

I've been working with many students to help them access and complete scholarship, industry, and college applications, including working with the Bridge program students. I've helped Betty Vose obtain speakers for Sophomore Career Day and I've participated in recruitment seminars at two of our sending schools, Stearns and Mattanawcook, where students have been very polite and attentive. We'll be visiting Lee Academy and Penobscot Valley on March 30, 2018. We plan to visit Schenck HS in early April once a date is set.

We had a very successful National Technical Honor Society Induction ceremony with a packed assembly room. Forty-nine Region 3 juniors and seniors were inducted. They must have achieved a Region 3 GPA of at least 93 and a sending school GPA of at least 85 AND must have good attendance, work ethic, and professional behavior. Mr. Dan Crocker, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services at EMCC, was our guest speaker and did an excellent job.

Accuplacer tests: In February 2018, the Maine Community College System informed us that by spring 2019, all community colleges will stop using the Accuplacer and will be using the SAT as its assessment tool. The Next Gen Accuplacer will only be used for very specific purposes, such as for non-traditional students and as a second chance for direct high school graduates. We will be discussing this at our next Guidance Counselors meeting on March 29. Some initial concerns include: greatly increased cost to students, retesting at foreign sites, much slower score turnaround time therefore less time for tutoring to improve scores, and greatly increased testing time, to name a few.

Mary and I have been working with Tom Baer, CDL Instructor, to explore adding a Class B license path to the CDL program. We are still researching this to see if it can fit.

I attended the Homeschoolers of Maine conference in Rockland on March 16-17 and made a presentation to approximately 25 homeschooling family members. We had excellent discussion and three parents had kids who attended Region 3 so they spoke very highly of our programs.

Baruch College journalism students and professors will be returning on April 2 to tour region 3 and include us in an article that they are writing for their course.

Thank you for your support.

Respectively,

Hugh Porter