

# Career and Technical Education

## Directors Report

**November 13, 2019**

1. DIISD is taking over as the fiscal agent for 61B funds for Region 1 (the entire Upper Peninsula). I presented our 61(b) Strategic Plan to the Region 1 Career and Education Advisory Council meeting on November 5, 2019. The 61(b) Strategic Plan outlines Career and Technical Education Early Middle College and CTE Dual Enrollment Programs. Part of the plan is a ranking of career clusters to be funded by CTE Dual Enrollment funds. Only those programs ranked in the top 5 are eligible for funding.
2. I am completing the grant application for Early College Expansion funds for the 19-20 school year. This is a competitive grant from the Office of Career and Technical Education to be used to expand our Early College programs in Welding, Mechatronics and Networking. Andrew, Susan, and Jonathan have provided a list of equipment to request with the grant funds. I hope to hear by January if we have been awarded any funds.
3. I have been working with the teaching staff on updating the course descriptions. I will be sharing the suggested changes with the Curriculum committee at their next meeting. We are requesting we add a description for third year classes and making significant changes to the IT descriptions to keep pace with Mr. Gregg's instruction.
4. Amy Bracket was awarded a \$1000.00 grant from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. It is for her class to work with the DDA to plan an event for high school-aged people downtown. There is a match from the DDA for the grant. They will work on it throughout the year with a spring target for the event.
5. Building Trades students have completed installing the metal siding on the bottom of the building and block on the front. The siding contractor is making good progress on the outside of the building. Students have also finished installing OSB inside and started on drywalling the classroom, bathroom and vestibule areas. We have a contractor lined up for the high walls in the shop but they are unable to start until later this winter. Mr. Jayne, Mr. Alessandrini and myself continue to meet frequently on the project. I also continue to assist Mr. Jayne as he makes plans to teach construction content in the new space. As we found helpful last year, we are updating a progress calendar on a regular basis.

