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Executive Director's Report

January 24, 2019

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Champions for Children Annual Giving Tree Project

Champions for Children organizes an annual giving tree project. Any staff can nominate a student that receives CAIU services to receive a holiday gift. Students give us some ideas what they would like. Gift tags with the requested gifts are electronically placed on the "tree." Staff volunteer to purchase the gift(s) by signing up for a tag on the website. Staff bring in the wrapped gifts for distribution to the children to open over the holiday. In 2018, 70 students received gifts through the Giving Tree Project!



NEWS

Student Services

Preschool

- Preschool to school age winter transition meetings began on January 10 and will be completed by the end of February. These meetings are held with families, preschool staff, and school districts to help prepare for the entry into kindergarten.

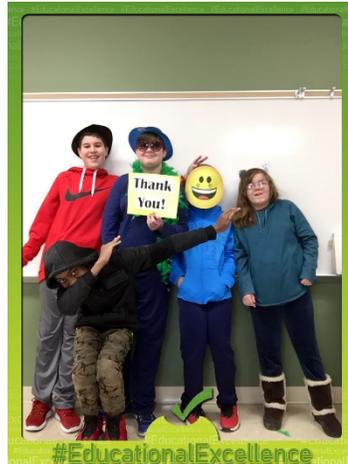
LYDC

- The population is currently at 81 residents. Eleven of the 81 students had a high school diploma or GED prior to placement at LYDC.
- GED – Two students passed all 4 exams and earned the GED Diploma.
- The second quarter employability classes will participate in a Mock Interview process on January 29. The Transition office has invited five local employers to interview and provide feedback to students.

School-Age

- Special Education contract meetings are scheduled. Program profiles, budgets, and rates have been revised and are being shared with our member districts.
- The Regional Special Education Planning Committee, comprised of Superintendent and Special Ed Director sub-groups, is kicking off Regional Early Intervention Planning Committees to review current practices and requirements and to look to create collaborative partnerships to support the early learners in our communities as well as increasing understanding, communication, and transparency about the processes, services, and requirements.
- Educational Coaches and Administration in Student Services have begun meeting with curriculum vendors as part of our curriculum review to identify potential revisions in our English/Language Arts and Math core and intervention programs. The team is extremely motivated to get something in place for trainings the summer of 2019 and implementation in 2019-2020.
- We are still looking to fill two psychologist positions. With that in mind, the CAIU is looking at paid internships for psychologists and have interest from local colleges and universities.

- Peg Dawson, author and public speaker, will be presenting this summer on Executive Functioning Skills.
- Hill Top welcomed Cassie McCabe on January 3 as their new Middle School Emotional Support teacher. Ms. McCabe is a recent graduate of Shippensburg University and was recruited by a Student Services team attending a fall job fair on the Shippensburg campus.
- Hill Top students got an advanced look at the Photo Booth technology that will be at All Staff Day. Students had tons of fun with the props, their peers and their teachers.



Education Services

- Three teams of coaches from CAIU presented at the Regional Coaching Conference held at IU 13 in November. Instructional coaches from Dauphin County Technical School, West Shore School District, Susquehanna Township School District, and Lower Dauphin School District represented CAIU at this statewide collaborative effort of IUs 11, 13, 14, 15, and 29.
- Over 90 teachers and administrators from the region attended a 5-part professional development series related to helping students with their analytic writing skills. This series focused on teaching and learning strategies that are necessary for successful analysis of complex texts. The text-dependent analysis prompt is a College and Career Readiness item on the grades 4-8 PSSA and requires students to respond by writing a comprehensive essay that includes analysis and evidence from rich texts. The IU will continue to support more teachers in the region with further trainings.
- On Friday, January 11, representatives from IU 12, IU13 1nd IU 15 worked together to offer a Google for Education event that was specifically designed for district and school administrators. Over 30 administrators participated in this hands-on workshop. LEAs from the Capital Area Region included Central Dauphin School District, the Diocese of Harrisburg, Lower Dauphin School District, Newport School District, and Susquenita School District. Lyn Hilt led the group as they explored a variety of Google for Education tools and ways in which they enhance the lives of busy school leaders. They learned about productivity tips and tricks, strategies to stay organized while communicating effectively and efficiently, and creative ways to share school stories and events with community members. It was a fantastic day of learning and sharing!

Technology Services

Comprehensive Planning Team

- Earlier this month the Comprehensive Planning Team worked with Regional Coordinator, Maria Garcia, to contact the delinquent schools and provide them with directions on submitting their plans.
- Members of the Comprehensive Planning Team were in Pittsburgh January 13-16 for the Title I Improving School Performance Conference. We presented a session that shows Title I schools how the Comprehensive Planning web application could help them create and submit their plans.
- As of 1/7/19, only five schools across the Commonwealth have failed to submit their 3-year Comprehensive Plan. Our team continues to work closely with the Division of Planning to contact the schools and support them in their planning in order to meet compliancy, while also creating a meaningful and purposeful strategic plan.
- Throughout the month of December, our team wrapped up two training sessions with the Bureau of Special Education for Phase 1 and Phase 2 districts. We had well over 200 attendees across both sessions and continue to support schools with questions that have transpired after the training.
- Finally, the CAIU Comprehensive Planning Team continues working individually with Phase 1 districts across the Commonwealth as they prepare to submit the next cycle of their Comprehensive Plan.

Network and Helpdesk Services

The Technology Services staff has been working on multiple projects to enhance the efficiency of the CAIU and its member school districts. Some of the projects include:

- CAIU Technology staff met with district technology leaders for an initial cybersecurity planning meeting. This subcommittee is tasked with developing a Cybersecurity plan template for all the districts in our region.
- The Technology Team conducted a network assessment of Hill Top Academy and presented a technology evaluation report to support Hill Top Academy's 1:1 initiative.
- The Network Services Team met with East Pennsboro School District to perform a network assessment and provide E-rate support.
- The Network Services Team investigated the largest DDoS cyber attack the CAIU has ever encountered. This event filled our Comcast ISP connection, but the protocol that was established last year helped mitigate the incident.
- The Network Services Team performed unplanned maintenance on the FortiGate Next-Generation firewalls in order to prevent potential issues from affecting our districts.
- The Network Services Team re-built servers to remediate a malware incident. We are working with the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to determine where the attack originated.
- The helpdesk completed 539 tickets for the month of December with a satisfaction score of 99% and an average of 30 minute first reply time.

AgendaManager

CESA 7 Partnership

- Progress has been made working with our Partners in Wisconsin (CESA 7) as we have presented the capabilities and value of AgendaManager to the following schools:
 1. Wisconsin Dells School District
 2. Green Bay Public School District
 3. Pembine-Beacher-Dunbar School District

- We have another demonstration scheduled in February with Reedsburg School District.
- As a result of our demonstrations, Wisconsin Dells School District has already begun their trial of AgendaManager with training being completed on 1/3/2019. Green Bay Area Public Schools will begin their trial of AgendaManager in February, 2019.

PASBO Partnership

- PASBO will be using AgendaManager for their first board meeting in 2019. The Board Meeting will be held on January 25, 2019.
- PASBO has asked us to present at their Annual Conference in March, 2019.

NOTIFICATION of ACTIVITIES

- Attended Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast
- Attended DCTS JOC Meeting
- Attended Harrisburg CRO Advisory Committee
- Attended All Staff Day

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES Date Savers (all Board members are invited to attend any and all)

- Speaker Craig Boykin, Excellence in Equity Series - January 25, 2019
- C4C Bingo - April 5, 2019