



BOARD BRIEF

**September
2021**

A report from the September 2021 meeting of EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee. EASTERN is a part of the school districts of Abington, Bryn Athyn, Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin, and Upper Moreland.

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Coming Events

Joint Committee Meeting
Seminar Room 8 PM

October 13, 2021
November 10, 2021
December 8, 2021
January 12, 2022
February 9, 2022
March 9, 2022
April 13, 2022
May 11, 2022
June 15, 2022

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2021-2022 School Year

EASTERN will welcome all new students and returning students in-person on September 9. Our teachers and staff are ready to make this a great year. All Health and Safety Plan updates are posted on our website at www.eastech.org.

Capital Plan Phase III

Phase I planning from 2019-2020 included installing a new roof and renovating to launch Robotics and Automated Technology. Phase II planning, which is reaching completion over the next few weeks focused on renovating Automotive Technology to increase the size of the program and upgrade the lab area, move nursing suite to a larger location, renovating for a second Allied Health classroom, and renovating the main office for increased safety, ADA accessibility, and functionality. In addition, one of the Practical Nursing classrooms was enlarged to better accommodate 25 students.

Phase III planning will focus heavily on renovating Welding Technology. EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee approved hiring Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects to develop a preliminary design. Designs presented will include options for renovating the existing Welding Technology classroom or relocating the classroom to increase capacity, improve ventilation and air quality, incorporate a manifold system, increase the number and size of welding booths, and improve storage. The designs will also include specifications for HVAC modifications for the new Exercise Science and Rehabilitation program.

Summer Cosmetology

The Summer Cosmetology program was held June 21-July 23, 2021 and 48 students were enrolled. There were classes offered to seniors August 2-August 13, 2021 and 20 students were enrolled. This year, 9 seniors completed their 1250 cosmetology hours required for licensure in PA. Cosmetology instruction hours will be offered during the three in-service days November 2, 2021, February 18, 2022 and May 17, 2022.

Practical Nursing Graduation

Practical Nursing Class #151 graduated on August 26, 2021. No graduation ceremony was held due to pandemic gathering restrictions.

Summer Electrical Report

The Joint Operating Committee and EASTERN's Administrative Team expressed their appreciation to Gary Felme, EASTERN's Electrical Technology Instructor, and his student interns for the extensive electrical work performed throughout the summer. Some of the work included installation of hardwired clocks with wireless synchronization and emergency text display, installed speakers with 2-way communication, hallway speakers, installed lockdown stations, installed updated lighting in the Business Office area, and wired new fire suppression system in Culinary Arts kitchen.

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Assisting Childhood Education Through Increased Testing: Project ACE-IT *

The Joint Operating Committee approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Montgomery County Office of Public Health and EASTERN. Project ACE-IT is a COVID-19 testing initiative across Montgomery County aiming to reduce the risk of in-school COVID-19 transmission through the use of rapid, point-of-care COVID-19 testing and has bolstered confidence that safe, in-person learning is possible. Project ACE-IT's goal is to identify those with COVID-19—particularly those at greatest risk of transmitting to others because they are unaware that they may be contagious so that they can be isolated immediately.

Enrollment

September 9, 2021 enrollment is 622, with waitlists in Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, and Veterinary Science.

Currently, there are still limited openings available in Business and Technology Professional, Commercial Art, Collision Repair Technology, Culinary Arts, Networking and Cybersecurity, Protective Services, Robotics and Automated Technology, and Welding Technology.

Program Equipment and Instructional Supplies for 2022-2023

The Joint Operating Committee approved the Instruction Support Budget for 2022 – 2023.

New equipment and/or tools will be acquired in Automotive Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Culinary Arts, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, Networking and Cybersecurity, Robotics and Automated Technology, Veterinary Science, and Welding Technology.

Business Manager

Mary Martin resigned effective September 10, 2021. Kenneth King will be the interim Business Manager. Linda McAlpine will be the interim Board Secretary.

Accounts Payable/Purchasing Specialist

Marta Mecray will assume full-time employment effective September 13, 2021.

Full-time Coordinator of Practical Nursing Cohorts

EASTERN's Practical Nursing Department established a Full Time Coordinator position and elimination of two part-time positions effective January 1, 2022.

Revised Job Title and Job Description – Data Services Specialist

The School Improvement Coordinator position was revised to Data Services Specialist. The Data Services Specialist will assess, analyze, and provide access to data in clear formats to assist the administrative team in making informed decisions. The person in this role will also work with other departments in managing data, running reports, and assist during busy times of the year with exporting and cleaning up data that's required by different agencies. The presentation of data to staff and stakeholders as well as training on usage of data are essential functions of the position.

EASTERN Foundation

The EASTERN Foundation has one reason for existing – to encourage students in their pursuit of career ambitions that were developed and strengthened by attending EASTERN.

The Foundation rewards student success and achievement through scholarships and awards which are presented in May at our Annual Awards Night.

Your contributions are tax deductible and will help us to expand our awards program. Online contributions can be made here –

<https://www.eastech.org/foundation/donate/>