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Executive Director's Report

June 27, 2019

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Thomas M. Calvecchio joins the CAIU as Assistant Executive Director on July 1, 2019. Previously, Tom was employed by the Chester County Intermediate Unit ("CCIU") serving various school districts in southeastern Pennsylvania as Director of Special Education, Director of Student Services, CSI School Improvement Facilitator, and Special Education Consultant. Tom also utilized his knowledge and expertise to support initiatives related to equity, significant disproportionality, multi-tiered systems of support, PDE's Electronic Resource Center, and athletic leadership development. Prior to CCIU, Tom served as the Director of Pupil Services and Special Education at Chester Upland School District, where he supervised a diverse group of staff and supported a variety of initiatives. He began his career in educational leadership as Principal of The County Alternative High School, a program run by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.



Dr. Calvecchio received his Pennsylvania teaching certification in Special Education and Secondary English from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania in 2006. He holds PDE Certificates for Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, Principal, and Supervisor of Special Education from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed his doctoral work and Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility at Neumann University.

Dr. Calvecchio was the 2010 overall winner of the Citadel Heart of Learning Award, and presented as the closing keynote speaker at the 2016 National Autism Conference. Dr. Calvecchio is a passionate educator focused on the art of leadership, the development of culture and the greatness of people. We are so glad that he chose the CAIU for his next challenge!

Student Services

Preschool

- On June 4, 487 children, families, and community agency members participated in the Early Intervention Connections (EIC) Carnival, held at Adventure Zone in Mechanicsburg. This annual event is organized by the EIC committee and invites families who have children with disabilities from birth through five years old. The families and children have opportunities for networking, resources, games, food, and fun. It was a fabulous evening! Local 21 WHP News was present for the event and a segment was shared on the news.
- Preschool will be in session July 1 through July 31. Summer session is always a busy time as we are preparing for incoming children who are turning three as well as the children who will be transitioning to Kindergarten in the fall. We have worked with families and districts to transition 845 children to school age programming and we anticipate that 58 children will remain in early intervention for the 2019-20 school year.

Student Services Staffing

- Dr. Janilyn Elias, Program Director, has resigned to accept a position in Chambersburg School District and sends this message, "I would like to thank the board for all of their support over the past six years. I've been encouraged and supported to propose new ideas to provide better service for our districts, their students and families. It has been a sincere pleasure."

- Alicia McDonald, Director of Student Services, is working with her team and cabinet to review and revise the job description for the now vacant Program Director position. The position is posted and interviews will occur in July.
- We are continuing to interview for teachers and paraeducators.

ESY

- Our ESY Program begins on July 8. We are running 15 classrooms for 73 students at Hill Top Academy and Steelton-Highspire. We also provide individualized ESY instruction to four other students.
- The ESY highlight is the Annual Fishing Derby, held at South Middleton Park, on July 24 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. This event is sponsored by the Boiling Springs Anglers Association and gives the students the opportunity to fish in a stocked pool and enjoy other community events.

Education Services

Summer camps started this week. The CAIU in partnership with teachers from around the region, is offering over 20 different camps this summer with over 300 students attending, a big increase from the three camps run last year.

Technology Services

Comprehensive Planning Team

The PA Planning Team recently wrapped up two webinars for the Commonwealth. The first webinar covered information regarding the Title I Schoolwide Plans for non-designated Title I school-wide buildings and the second webinar was designed for Charter Schools to walk them through the process of completing their Charter Annual Report, which is due to the state by August 1, 2019. Developers have completed enhancements and text changes to the Charter Annual Report to prepare for submission. Development has also included an enhancement to the Special Education Plan. As the Department of Education prepares to roll out the new Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal, members of our team will attend two stakeholder sessions to get a first glimpse of the new system and offer feedback alongside select LEAs in the Commonwealth. Our team is looking forward to continuing the professional development and helpdesk support for the new tool.

Network and Helpdesk Services

Technology Services staff continue to work on multiple tasks to enhance the operations of the CAIU and its member districts. The team has started working on the following summer projects:

- Completed the installation of the new wireless network system at Hill Top Academy. The system went live on June 5 so we could monitor the system while students were still in school. We will be monitoring and testing the system during the summer to make sure it is working optimally for the start of school in the fall.
- Three new technology interns from DCTS & CPAVTS have started working with the team. They have already been assigned tickets and are getting comfortable with the working environment.
- Finalizing plans with Fortinet to implement the new FortiSIEM solution in July. FortiSIEM is a security information and event management software product that provides real-time analysis of security alerts generated by applications and network hardware.
- Performed a firmware upgrade on our FortiDDoS appliance. The FortiDDoS appliance mitigates cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks are used to make online services unavailable by overwhelming it with traffic from multiple sources.
- Currently in the implementation phase of upgrading the wireless network system at the Loysville Youth Development Center.
- Preparing to install a new core Layer 3 switch at Camp Hill SD.
- Working with Millersburg Area SD to reorganize their Active Directory structure.
- Working with Newport SD to finalize deployment images for their computers.
- Upgrading the Destiny Library serve at Halifax Area SD.
- Working with Derry Township SD to upgrade their Certificate of Authority server.

AgendaManager

As we approach the end of the school year with AgendaManager Sales Activity, we are closing out the year on a very high note with the following statistics:

- Current Opportunity Pipeline: 94 Identified Leads. 82 out of the 94 leads are to be followed up with by the end of June 2019
- Demonstrations on the Calendar: IU 21 scheduled for June 12. Education Service District in Washington State (ESD)-112 scheduled for June 17
- Signed Agreements going into 2019/20 School Year: IU 7, Cocalico SD, Everett SD, Connellsville SD, and Southern Tioga SD
- Wisconsin Trials: Green Bay SD, Minocqua J1 SD, Kiel SD, and Wisconsin Dells SD
- Current Trials: Dallastown SD and Eastern York SD

NOTIFICATION of ACTIVITIES

- Attended DCTS Board Meeting, June 12
- Attended PAIU conference, May 28-30
- Attended Loysville Graduation Ceremony, June 7
- Attended Wilbur Wolf memorial, June 17

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES Date Savers - Board members are invited to attend

- C4C Golf Outing – July 23, 2019