Executive Director's Report
May 23, 2019

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT
Technology Services Co-Op and Internship Opportunities

The CAIU technology services team has been working collaboratively with Dauphin County Technical School and Cumberland-Perry Area Vocational Technical School to develop a Co-Op and Internship experience for students. Students from each school have been working alongside CAIU technology team members to gain real life experience. Working at the CAIU has allowed students to put all of their classroom learning into practice by working on current technologies. The students have done an exceptional job with the technical aspects of their day-to-day duties. Additionally, the workplace environment has allowed them to develop customer service and team skills that employers find valuable. The expertise they gain through the internship program will help them in whatever avenue they choose to pursue, whether they go directly into the work force or choose post-secondary education.

Student Services

- Our school-age special education programs are planning the training and implementation of the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt ELA & Math curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year. This will include training of trainers for our instructional coaches and administrators as well as staff training for our classroom program staff.
- Staffing – we have been actively interviewing and hiring for vacant instructional and behavioral coach positions as well as special education, vision, and early childhood teachers, paraeducators and school psychologists.
- New classrooms are being added to address district referrals for CAMhP (Capital Area Mental Health Program), Deaf/HH, MDS, and Autism.
- School-Based ACCESS Network:
  - On April 30, we had our third meeting of the newly formed SBAP Network Group. Our invited guests were Pam Tressler, Bureau of Program Integrity and Jennifer Wiegand, DHS. They were invited to lead the conversation about clarifying and improving district processes for logging PCA services.   There were 19 people in attendance.   Our guests provided valuable feedback on ensuring compliant paperwork and answered general questions related to the program.
  - We have received a positive response from those who have attended our SBAP Network group meetings this year, so we will continue them quarterly in the fall.
- Our Preschool program convened Spring Transition Meetings for children who are transitioning into Kindergarten. This year a total of 815 children went through the transition process with the 24 school districts.

- Jamie Gordon participated in the Preschool Director's workgroup at the United Way in Carlisle on May 9. She shared information behavior strategies to promote positive learning activities to support social-emotional development in preschool children.

Education Services
On May 13 and 14, nearly 200 students from grades 4-8 competed in the **24 Challenge Competition** held at CAIU. The students represented 16 school districts and 5 non-public schools from within our three county region. Thank you to all of the advisors from the schools who served as coaches and judges and to all of the CAIU employees who helped make this a successful event!

Congratulations to the following winners!

Grades 4-5
Teams
1. Cumberland Valley Elementary Team 2 (aggregate district team)
2. Cumberland Valley Elementary Team 1 (aggregate district team)
3. Lower Dauphin School District (aggregate district team)

Individuals
1. Herth Patel, East Hanover Elementary, Lower Dauphin SD
2. Noah Hoffman, Paxtonia Elementary, Central Dauphin SD
3. Ashwin Sarode, Cumberland Valley Elementary Team 2
4. Hadi Mohammed, Cumberland Valley Elementary Team 1

Grade 6
Teams
1. Good Hope Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
2. Linglestown Middle School, Central Dauphin SD
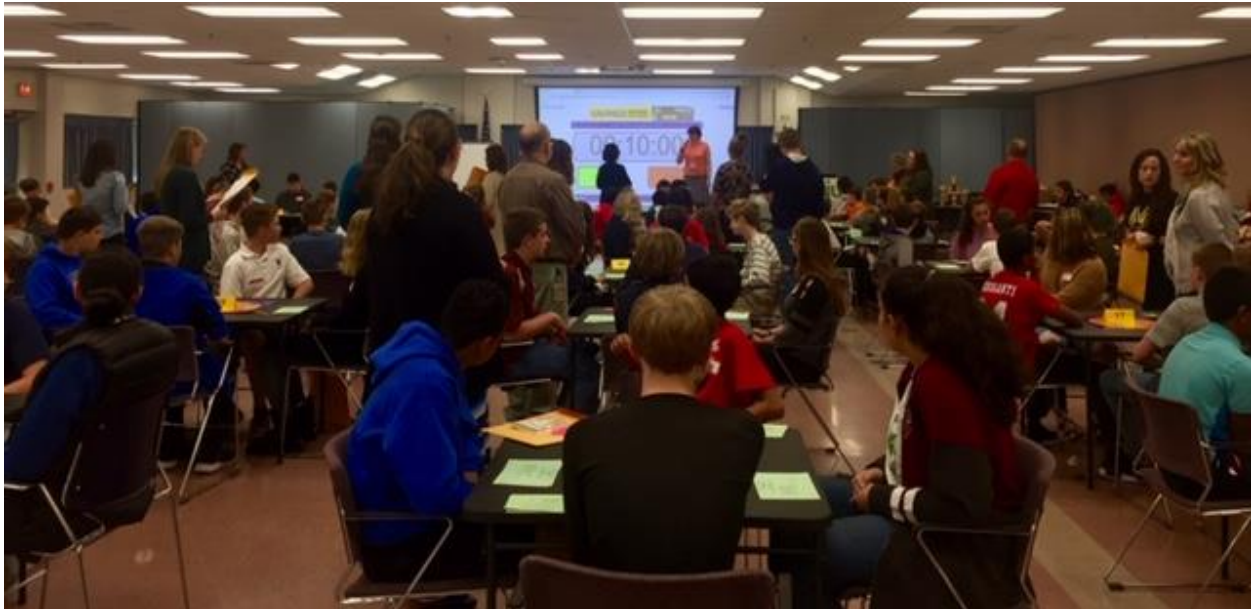3. Eagle View Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD

Individuals
1. Pranav Anbalagan, Good Hope Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
2. Rohan Kakaria, Good Hope Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
3. Landon Garlock, Linglestown Middle School, Central Dauphin SD
4. Nidesh Padarthi, Eagle View Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD

Grades 7-8
Teams
1. Good Hope Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
2. Eagle View Middle School, Cumberland Valley SD
3. Millersburg Middle School, Millersburg SD

Technology Services

- **Comprehensive Planning Team -** Members of the Comprehensive Planning Team attended the 2019 Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs (PAFPC) conference in Seven Springs in early May. They presented with PDE on Title I Schoolwide Plan submissions at the conference as well as in a virtual format when they returned to the CAIU for those who unable to attend the conference. We are finalizing the Phase 1 Special Education Plan submissions with only a few districts left to submit. Our next big submission will be for Charter Schools submitting their Annual Reports. Application developers are making some adjustments to the application and the training team will be hosting a webinar with PDE in June for charter support. As we look to the future of Comprehensive Planning, our team is excited to begin working with Performance Learning Systems as they develop a new tool for the Commonwealth. Our team will continue providing LEAs support in the areas of Professional Development and Helpdesk Support.

- **Network and Helpdesk Services -** Technology Services staff continue to work on multiple tasks to enhance the operations of the CAIU and its ember districts. The team is currently preparing to begin summer projects.
    - As part of phase one for the Cyber Security Team, each representative scanned their district network to identify all of their hardware assets. In addition, this team also started to develop a regional training to educate end users on security risks.
    - Created and presented a multi-floor wireless network plan for the Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg.
    - Completed Interviews for summer interns from DCTS & CPAVTS. We will be hiring two students from CPAVTS and one student from DCTS
    - Completed wiring for Hill Top Academy to support their 1:1 initiative. Our next step is to install wireless access points as identified in our site survey.
    - The CAIU has a consortium solution for FortiClient EMS End Point Protection (Antivirus software). South Middleton will be purchasing FortiClient this summer.
    - Planned a significant firmware upgrade for our FortiDDoS appliance to help mitigate cyber DDoS attacks.
    - Developed a project scope with FortiNet, our security vendor, to implement our FortiSIEM (Security Information Event Management). The FortiSiem will collect information from various infrastructure/server equipment to help us identify cyber security events.
    - CAIU team worked with Comcast to perform maintenance on their core device in the data center on May 17th, at 1:00 am. This caused a temporary outage. Notification was sent in advance to district contacts.

NOTIFICATION of ACTIVITIES

- Attended Day on the Hill, April 30, 2019
- Attended meeting with China office of AESA, May 6, 2019
- Attended SAC meeting, May 8, 2019
- Attended DCTS, May 8, 2019
- Attended Harrisburg CRO meeting, May 9, 2019
- Attended the Buskey Luncheon, May 16, 2019
- Attended the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Graduation, May 16, 2019
- Attended C4C Bingo, May 17, 2019

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

- May 23: Project Search Graduation ~ Hershey Medical Center
- May 28 Safety presentation by expert Michael Dorn
- May 30: Hill Top and District-based Classroom Graduation ~ Enola
- July 23: C4C Golf Outing