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Substitute Executive Director's Report
November 18, 2010

NEWS

The Capital Region Partnership for Career Development held its Fourth Annual Employer-Educator Summit. Nearly 100 participants spent the day listening, discussing and networking about the changing economy, the resources and programs for real-time workforce development, the role of business-parent partnerships for preparing the emerging workforce, and next practices for business-education partnerships. Tom Scholles, Director of Human Resources, Utz Quality Foods, Inc. provided the keynote address to the participants.

Much time this month has been dedicated to working closely with the CAIU Team Directors and Business staff on the development of the 2011-2012 General Operating Budget for the CAIU. This budget supports the basic operations of the CAIU. The draft of the budget was reviewed with the Superintendents' Finance Committee on November 2, the Board Members' Finance Committee on November 9, and the Superintendents' Advisory Council on November 10. The CAIU Board reviews the draft budget at today's Board meeting.

Brian Griffith, Director of Curriculum Services, along with Karen Ruddle and Nancy Neusbaum, CAIU Curriculum Specialists, participated in the Standards Aligned System (SAS) Leadership Institute for District and Charter School administrative teams, held at Valley Forge on November 15-16. The goal of this institute was to assist participants establish an action plan for implementation of components of the SAS portal. Brian, Karen, and Nancy will continue to work closely with several district administrative teams from our region to assist in implementing their district's action plan.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES
- On October 29, I attended the Central Region Executive Directors' meeting in State College. These monthly meetings provide an opportunity for the Executive Directors from the central part of the state to meet and discuss ideas and concerns pertinent to our intermediate units.
- Staff Communications Meetings were held during lunch and/or after work on November 1 and 3. Typically, at least two staff communication meetings with multiple sessions are held each year. The purpose of these communication meetings is to share information, address concerns, and gather feedback from the staff.

- On November 4-5, I was at Seven Springs, Champion, PA for the monthly PAIU Executive Directors' meeting. Discussion continues around the PAIU Governance structure
- On November 11, I met with Dr. Susan Kegerise, superintendent of Susquehanna Township School District.
- During this fall, the Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT)/Teen Parenting Program and the Title IIA Federal Program were monitored separately by the PA Department of Education. These two monitoring processes reviewed the program components and fiscal requirements for compliance with current statute, regulations, and guidance. We have received notification from PDE that both programs have met established requirements and no corrective action plans are necessary.

Upcoming Activities:

- The CAIU will be represented at the annual Association of Education Service Agencies (AESA) conference in Savannah, Georgia. The conference begins on December 1 and ends on December 4. CAIU staff will host two sessions during the conference: <u>High School Redesign Through a Regional Solution to Online Learning</u> and <u>Communicate with AgendaMan; an Effective Paperless Meeting Solution.</u>
- On December 8-9, I will attend "Leadership for Teaching," an Act 45 course for educational leaders, available through Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA). This course focuses on teaching, instruction, and resiliency.
- On December 10, the Board members have an opportunity to enjoy lunch with the Enola/Lemoyne staff during the annual holiday luncheon. Please let Rennie know if you would like to attend. There will be great food, prizes, and music for all to enjoy.

A Wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday to All