



# BOARD MATTERS

## A Synopsis of the Chester County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) Board of Directors held its monthly meeting **virtually** on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Board members from Avon Grove, Coatesville Area, Downingtown Area, Great Valley, Kennett Consolidated, Owen J. Roberts, Oxford Area, Phoenixville Area, Tredyffrin/Easttown, Unionville-Chadds Ford and West Chester Area school districts were in attendance and the following items were discussed:

### Items of Note

- Dr. Noreen O'Neill, director of Innovative Educational Services and Dr. Kirk Williard, director of Career, Technical and Customized Education provided an overview of the CCIU career readiness initiatives for 2019-20. They reviewed the scope of these efforts, highlighting that every division within the IU was contributing to this organizational goal. Dr. Willard and Dr. O'Neill stated that career readiness initiatives have strengthened statewide, regional and local partnerships. Examples of these initiatives included district participation in Career Ready Bootcamps, where materials and resources were provided to teachers and administrators. The CCIU partnered with the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) to host a community Career Night and the Teacher in the Workplace program. PA SEED, a regional STEM Ecosystem, has engaged schools, businesses and colleges in career readiness initiatives, including the Chief Science Officer (CSO) program, which empowers middle school students to become leaders in science. The CCIU and CCEDC also partnered with the Chester County Workforce Development Board (CCWDB) to create Career Ready Chesco, a platform to connect parents, students and business and industry. The CCIU TCHS programs have incorporated many career readiness opportunities including the PA Career Zone for career readiness artifacts, guest speakers, business and industry workshops, dual enrollment programs and the Career and Training Fair. TCHS has also expanded its outreach, leveraging grants, joining new associations and increasing OAC membership. Student Services has incorporated this focus on career readiness into multiple programs for students, including the Aspire and Discover programs. Internship opportunities for students in Student Services programming has expanded career opportunities for students. The Transitional Work Program and Transitional Work Readiness Program have ensured that students are benefiting from these focused efforts of the CCIU embedding career readiness into learning opportunities for all.
- Joseph Lubitsky, director of Administrative Services, reviewed the 2020-21 proposed marketplace budgets to the Board members and answered questions. Bottom line, the cost of Marketplace programs for purchase by Chester County school districts would increase 1.49%, which is below the Act 1 Statewide Index of 2.6%. As a part of their regular business on tonight's agenda, the CCIU Board of Directors approved the 2020-21 Marketplace Budgets, in total amount of \$199,595,247, which consists of 103 program budgets.

### Finance

- In addition to approving the 2020-21 Marketplace Budgets, the CCIU Board of Directors also approved the 2020-21 Marketplace Pricing Schedule.

### New Business

- The CCIU Board of Directors approved the following new business:
  - Approval of Head Start and Early Head Start Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Grant Application.
  - Approval of a three-year administrative services agreement with Independence Blue Cross beginning July 1, 2020.

### Personnel

The CCIU Board of Directors approved all recommended personnel action items, including routine terminations/resignations/retirements, nominations, changes in status, creation of positions, supplemental salaries and pay rates.

The next CCIU Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. either virtually or at the Educational Service Center, 455 Boot Road, Downingtown, PA, pending the Governor's orders.