

Education Consortium of the Upper Allegheny

August 5, 2016

Dear Superintendent,

I have great news to share with you -- the Rural Regional College of Northern Pennsylvania has now been fully funded and has been given, "*preferred status and be considered ordinary expenses of state government.*" (House Bill 1606 of 2016, Section 1901.2-G. Appropriations.) **With that legislative language, the Rural Regional College is now permanently established and shall be included in every state budget from this point forward.**

Contained within that legislation as well, the RRC Board of Trustees have been given a December 31, 2016, due date for the submission of the college plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Many other activities shall also be occurring such as the search process for the new President, CFO, and other officers of the college. It is hoped that the President and others be in place by March 2017. Additionally, a Public Relations firm is being sought to begin marketing the college with the purpose of making the public more aware of this new post-secondary opportunity within the region. Lastly, with the tentative opening date of September 2017, site selections and the transition plans for those students currently enrolled in the ECUA/Gannon University Associate Degree Program are also being made.

None of this would have been possible without the strong support of our legislators, the public, and the school districts within the nine counties served by this new Rural Regional College. As a reminder, I have attached a copy of the Resolution that we ask your school district to adopt as a sign of your continuing support of this long overdue opportunity so that this new college can provide an affordable, accessible post-secondary education for our students and members of the public within their home communities.

I urge you to send your signed Resolution to me at the address below as soon as possible. Should you or the members of your board of education have any questions regarding the status of the RRC, ECUA, or the Resolution, I would be happy to come and meet with you at your convenience.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,

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Rural Regional Community College
School Districts, Career & Tech Centers, IU's, and CEC's with Support Resolutions
August 2016

Cameron County

- Cameron County

Crawford County

- Crawford County Career and Technical Center
 - Not received; Conneaut, Crawford Central, Penncrest

Elk County

- Johnsonburg Area
- St. Mary's Area
 - Not received; Ridgway

Erie County

- Corry Area
- Erie County Career and Technical School
- General McLane
- Harborcreek
- Iroquois
- Northwestern
- Union City
- Wattsburg
 - Not received; Erie City, Fairview, Fort LeBeuof, Girard, Intermediate Unit #5, Millcreek, Northeast,

Forest County

- Forest Area

McKean County

- Port Allegany
 - Not received; Bradford, Kane, Otto-Eldred, Kane, Smethport

Potter County

- X
 - Not received; Austin, Coudersport, Galetton, Northern Potter, Oswayo Valley

Venango County

- Cranberry Area
- Franklin Area
- Oil City
- Titusville Area
- Valley Grove
- Venango County Career and Technical School

Warren County

- Tidioute Community Charter
- Warren County
- Warren County Career & Technical Center

Intermediate Units and Community Education Councils

- Seneca Highlands, Intermediate Unit #9
- Elk/Cameron Community Education Council
- Potter County Education Council
- Warren/Forest Community Education Council

THE RURAL, REGIONAL COLLEGE OF NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA
Resolution of Support

WHEREAS, it is recognized and supported that there is a need within the _____ School District for a rural, regional college and technical degree programs and offerings; and

WHEREAS, currently no such programs such as described above are offered in our rural part of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Rural, Regional College of Northern Pennsylvania (RRCNPA) was created to provide these types of educational opportunities for our region.

BE IT RESOLVED: The _____ School District hereby signifies its support for the concept of the RRCNPA and agrees to engage in discussions regarding an agreement with the RRCNPA which would permit the college to use school district facilities nights, weekends, and summers, including the use of school district owned equipment needed to successfully conduct classes. All such usage would be subject to prior approval of the school district before such time that any class would be scheduled and/or advertised.

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____, 2016.

ATTESTED BY:

For the School District:

For the RRCNPA:

Board President

Chairperson, RRCNPA
Board of Trustees

Board Secretary

Secretary, RRCNPA
Board of Trustees