

2017-18 Professional Staff Development

## **“Technology Resources @ VRAE” ESL**

Friday May 17, 2018



- **Speakers/Events Feedback**
  - Career Coach
  - Paul Lewis - [ABC Language](#) Interpreters Speaker
  - [CT transit](#) – Bus
  - [Train MTA](#) – 9:43 train Derby/Shelton to Bridgeport and back
  - [Valley Transit](#)
  - Suggestions
  
- **Workforce Readiness Grant Update**
  - Past year - Zinfandeli’s
  - **CT Learns and Works 2018 Symposium**
    - **Silicon Valley of Aerospace**
      - 20,000 jobs will be available over the next 20 years
      - Orders for 20 years
      - Largest export in US
      - 64% of all jet engines made by Pratt & Whitney
    - **Accounting Firms**
      - High tech – have large IT departments not just CPAs
      - Contract reading software
    - **IT**
      - Cyber Security is the NEW degree but all are needed
      - Work @ home benefit
      - Banking industry
    - **Health**
      - Nursing shortage b/c not enough instructors
      - LPN is dead, either Med Tech or RN
    - **Manufacturing**
      - All tech school students have jobs – start \$15-\$25/hr – the promotions and bonus – need the soft skills – integrity and team work
    - **Soft Skills –**
      - very important,
      - candidates are interviewing w/o prior knowledge of company,
      - improper dress
    - **Women in STEM –** CWEALF, many supports
    - **Career Pathways –** program of study starting in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
    - **Unemployment rate almost full employment, many job openings but wages are not enough**
    - **Major drag on CT economy –** gov’t jobs down, not enough people, not enough jobs at the wage required
  
- **Next year – Chromebooks, ideas**
  
- **Enrichment**
  - Walk Aerobics, Italian, Watercolor Painting, Country Line Dance, Meditation, Spanish, Golf, Gentle Yoga, Korean, Wight Loss Hypnosis, Digital Photography, Tai Chi, Hatha Yoga, Sewing
  - Ideas, Space, Keep on the look-out
  
- **Teacher Meeting – end of semester planning**