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Hope your school year is going well.

I'm reaching out to you about your students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. I'd like to provide information about Pre-ETS.

### **Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Definition and Goals**

OVR funded Pre-ETS are intended to increase the employment rate of Students with Disabilities in the state of Pennsylvania. Pre-ETS are preparatory services for Students with Disabilities to identify career interests, practice and improve work skills, and explore postsecondary training opportunities at an earlier age to maximize their potential to enter competitive, integrated employment.

### **Services OVR can Provide:**

***Paid Work Experience (PWE)*** - Allows a student to do real work at a community integrated worksite to connect school experiences to real-life work activities and future career opportunities. This can last up to 40 hours and student will earn \$10.35 per hour. A job coach will help student in all aspects of this experience. The job coach can even stay on job site with client as much as needed. Students are not being permanently hired. The goal is to let students experience work in a real setting where they are paid an hourly wage.

***Job Shadowing:*** Onsite experience at a community workplace that allows a student to observe work being done, to learn from people currently practicing in an occupation, and to explore areas of vocational interest. Job shadowing experiences can be in an occupation of interest at multiple integrated community worksites and can be an average of 25 hours per school year. Student will not be paid.

I know you have students with IEPs that are often referred to OVR.



I want to remind you that student's with physical disabilities may also be eligible for our services. i.e., Asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, hepatitis, heart murmur, etc. Please share this with your school nurse and anyone else you find appropriate.

I have attached the instructions to apply for OVR services. I can come to the school and help students apply. If a student is under 18, all I can do is explain OVR and our services to students, but their parents/guardians will need to sign paperwork. Students will also need a photo identification card and a working, personal email address.

Please forward this information on to any staff member that works with students with disabilities. Please reach out to me with any questions. I am trying to create a working relationship between your school and OVR so we can work together to help the students have a successful transition from school to work or post-secondary education/training.

Thank You,

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