Created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1971, BLaST Intermediate Unit 17 is an educational service agency meeting the needs of Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties. Serving 19 public schools, two career centers and 12 non-public schools, BLaST’s vision is to transform lives and communities through educational services. These services are organized into four major divisions: Student Services, Educational Planning, Technology, and Management Services. In partnership with Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS), BLaST employs approximately 320 staff with a majority of staff working in the division of Student Services providing early intervention and school-age special education services.

Vision and Mission
BLaST’s vision is to transform lives and communities through educational services. In order to achieve this vision, BLaST’s everyday mission is to provide, create, and facilitate high quality educational solutions.

Core Values
We strive to practice our core values everyday in our decision making, service delivery and relationships with all of our stakeholders.

Integrity
Doing what is right by choosing courage over comfort and practicing values rather than professing them.

Respect
Valuing ourselves and each other while acting with courage, consideration, and empathy.

Communication
Committing to and practicing honest and open communication.

Safety
Integrating physical, social, and emotional safety through our thoughts, words, and actions.

IU17 School Districts Served
- Athens
- Canton
- East Lycoming
- Jersey Shore
- Loyalsock Township
- Montgomery
- Montoursville
- Muncy
- Northeast Bradford
- Northern Tioga
- Sayre
- South Williamsport
- Southern Tioga
- Sullivan County
- Towanda
- Troy
- Wellsboro
- Williamsport
- Wyalusing

* Data from 2019-20 School Year

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**FAST FACTS**

- **320 Staff & Employees (Including M1)**
- **4,000 Square Miles Covered**
- **19 School Districts**
- **$34,176,205 Total Budget**

**Student Services**
The Division of Student Services provides high quality programs to eligible preschool and school age students in our four counties. Our goal is to design instruction and support to maximize the potential of our students, based on their strengths and unique needs. Services are delivered in a variety of educational environments by highly-qualified staff.

- **256 Staff**
- **2,227 School Age Students Served**
- **957 Early Intervention Students Served**

**Special Education Services**
BLaST offers an extensive range of Special Education services in both our classroom and itinerant programs including:

- **Program**
  - Audiology: 44
  - Autism Spectrum: 77
  - Blind/Visually Impaired: 9
  - Deaf/Hearing Impaired: 15
  - Emotional Support: 155
  - Life Skills: 34

- **Program**
  - Multiple Disabilities: 39
  - Occupational Therapy: 338
  - Partial Programs: 58
  - Physical Therapy: 133
  - Speech Therapy: 435
  - Transitional: 56

**Innovation Lending Library**
A free inventory of STEM and innovation tools available for educators. Lending periods offer the opportunity to integrate hands-on, inquiry-based, 21st century learning experiences to students.

- **130 # Requests Fullfilled**
- **21 Districts/LEAs Serviced**

**eQuip Online Learning Program**
eQuip was created to meet the online learning needs of the school districts and private schools in our region and provides K-12 courses, summer school, credit recovery, electives, STEM, AP courses, and more.

- **6,345 Course Enrollments**
- **954 Registered Students**
- **804 Unique Course Titles**

**Technology Services**
BLaST Intermediate Unit 17’s technology group provides a wide variety of services not only to our local school districts, but districts across the state.

- **16,500 Individual VOIP Handsets Deployed**
- **1,100 Miles of Managed Fiber Lines**
- **10 District Data Centers Housed at IU17**
- **97 Districts and IUs Receiving IU17 Tech Services**

- **LAN/WAN Design**
- **High Speed Internet**
- **Juniper Sales / Install**
- **DELL Server Sales/ Installation**
- **Network Security**
- **Consortium Pricing**
- **Video & Door Lock Security**
- **VOIP Phone Systems**
- **WiFi Network Design / Installation**
- **Website Design and Hosting**
- **Digital Information Displays**
- **Custom Software Design**
- **Datacenter Hosting**
- **Content Filtering with ContentKeeper**

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**Includes Mission One