



Joint Operating Committee Meeting February 24, 2005 School District Report

1. 2005-2006 ECTS Budget

The Joint Operating Committee approved the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget to the participating school districts in the amount of \$4,990,862 of total expenditures with Secondary Program District Contributions, per the funding formula, in the amount of \$2,784,867.

2. Superintendent of Record

With the retirement of Dr. Verel Salmon as superintendent of the Millcreek Township School District, it became necessary to appoint another superintendent as our superintendent of record. Dr. Robert Towsey, Interim Superintendent of Millcreek Township School District has agreed to serve as the superintendent of record. The Joint Operating Committee appointed Dr. Robert Towsey, Interim Superintendent of the Millcreek Township School District as the Superintendent of Record for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year. The term of service will be January 25, 2005 to June 30, 2005.

3. Career and Technical Education in Pennsylvania

This fall, the Career and Technical Education community was concerned about the political viability of career and technical education (CTE) in Pennsylvania, especially from the Governor's office. To the governor's credit, this fall he commissioned Jobs for the Future (JFF), a "think-tank" group based in Boston, to conduct a study of CTE. The Pennsylvania Department of Education released the JFF study, *Career and Technical Education in Pennsylvania: Opportunities for Commonwealth Policy*, on February 2, 2005.

The report looks favorably upon CTE and the role it can play in workforce and economic development. The JFF study was especially encouraging in that many of the recommendations in the report align closely with the ECTS strategic vision and quality action plan.