

Director's Report May 2005

Auto Body Repair Presentation. Mr. Ken Balsiger, Auto Body Repair instructor, will conduct our May Program Presentation. The field of auto collision repair has become sophisticated over the years and our program has done an excellent job of keeping up in terms of equipment curriculum. This program also represents one of the better opportunities for post-secondary training as there is no training provider in the region for auto collision repair.

Alternative Education. We presented a proposal to the superintendents for additional programming in alternative education. The superintendents accepted our proposal for a high school level program and an additional middle school level program. We will be working with the Sarah A. Reed Children's Center to provide this additional programming starting in the Fall of 2005. See the alternative education document in the supplemental information section of the board agenda for a better description.

Applications and Admissions. The superintendents reviewed the Applications and Admissions Report at their May meeting. Based on that review, the superintendents are recommending that the Joint Operating Committee maintain all programs at their current status. In particular, the Networking Technologies and the Tool & Die programs should remain at half-time status.

Occupational Advisory Committees. On Wednesday, May 11, the technical school hosted a campus-wide occupational advisory committee meeting. Nearly 50 individuals from various companies and trades attended the meeting. After dinner and some brief administrative remarks, faculty members held occupational advisory committee meetings for their individual programs.

Legislative Visits. On Tuesday, May 10, Mr. Bucksbee and the director were in Harrisburg to talk with legislators about a legislative agenda put together by the Pennsylvania Association of Vocational Administrators. Of the seven legislators in our region, we met with five of them. They included Senators Jane Earl and Mary Jo White and Representatives John Evans, Linda Bebko-Jones and Florindo Fabrizio. All of our legislators were very hospitable and attentive to our comments.