

**Erie County Technical School
Joint Operating Committee**

***Resolution in Support of a Technical Community College
for Northwest Pennsylvania***

WHEREAS, workforce development is a key component of economic development and an enhanced quality of life for Northwest Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, technical community colleges in other regions of Pennsylvania and across the country play key roles in workforce and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Pennsylvania lacks a publicly supported technical community college and therefore is at a disadvantage in terms of workforce and economic development, and

WHEREAS, this disadvantage was duly noted in a 2001 report, "Toward an Economic Development Strategy for Erie," prepared for the Economic Development Corporation of Erie County, and in a similar report in 2003, "Economic Development Strategy for Northwest Pennsylvania," prepared for the Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, many careers in Northwest Pennsylvania, like early childhood education, building construction, precision metalwork, health care, transportation and automotive mechanics, and others, have no or limited training providers; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Erie County Technical School and other career and technical education centers in Northwest Pennsylvania is to provide career and technical training to youth and adults in support of State and regional workforce development efforts; and

WHEREAS, a six-county region in Northwest Pennsylvania, including Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Venango and Warren, contains eight career and technical education centers and 42 school districts that support these career and technical education centers; and

WHEREAS, the eight career and technical education centers and their participating school districts have power over \$100 million in building and equipment assets that currently support career and technical education at the secondary and postsecondary level; and

WHEREAS, these same entities are spending over \$22 million annually to make available career and technical education across the region; and

WHEREAS, provisions of Pennsylvania law permit school districts to serve as the local sponsor of a Pennsylvania community college and is so evidenced in four other community colleges in the State; and

WHEREAS, the equitable combination of local sponsorship, State subsidy and student tuition make a community college education affordable for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, Legislature and Department of Education are promoting various initiatives like dual enrollment, Project 720 and articulation agreements to connect the high school experience with the postsecondary experience; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania law requires state-supported colleges and universities to accept transfer credits from Pennsylvania community colleges, thereby promoting baccalaureate opportunities for Northwest Pennsylvania residents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Operating Committee of the Erie County Technical School instructs the Professional Advisory Council and administration to explore the opportunities available through a technical community college in Northwest Pennsylvania; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Operating Committee directs the Professional Advisory Council and administration to invite stakeholders including the seven other career and technical education centers, the 42 participating school districts, regional business and industry leaders, local legislators and other interested parties to support the development of a technical community college; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Operating Committee directs the Professional Advisory Council and administration to collaborate with all stakeholders to formulate a strategic plan for the creation of a technical community college for Northwest Pennsylvania.

**On behalf of the Joint Operating Committee of the Erie County Technical School,
approved this 27th day of April, 2006,**

James A. Bucksbee, President

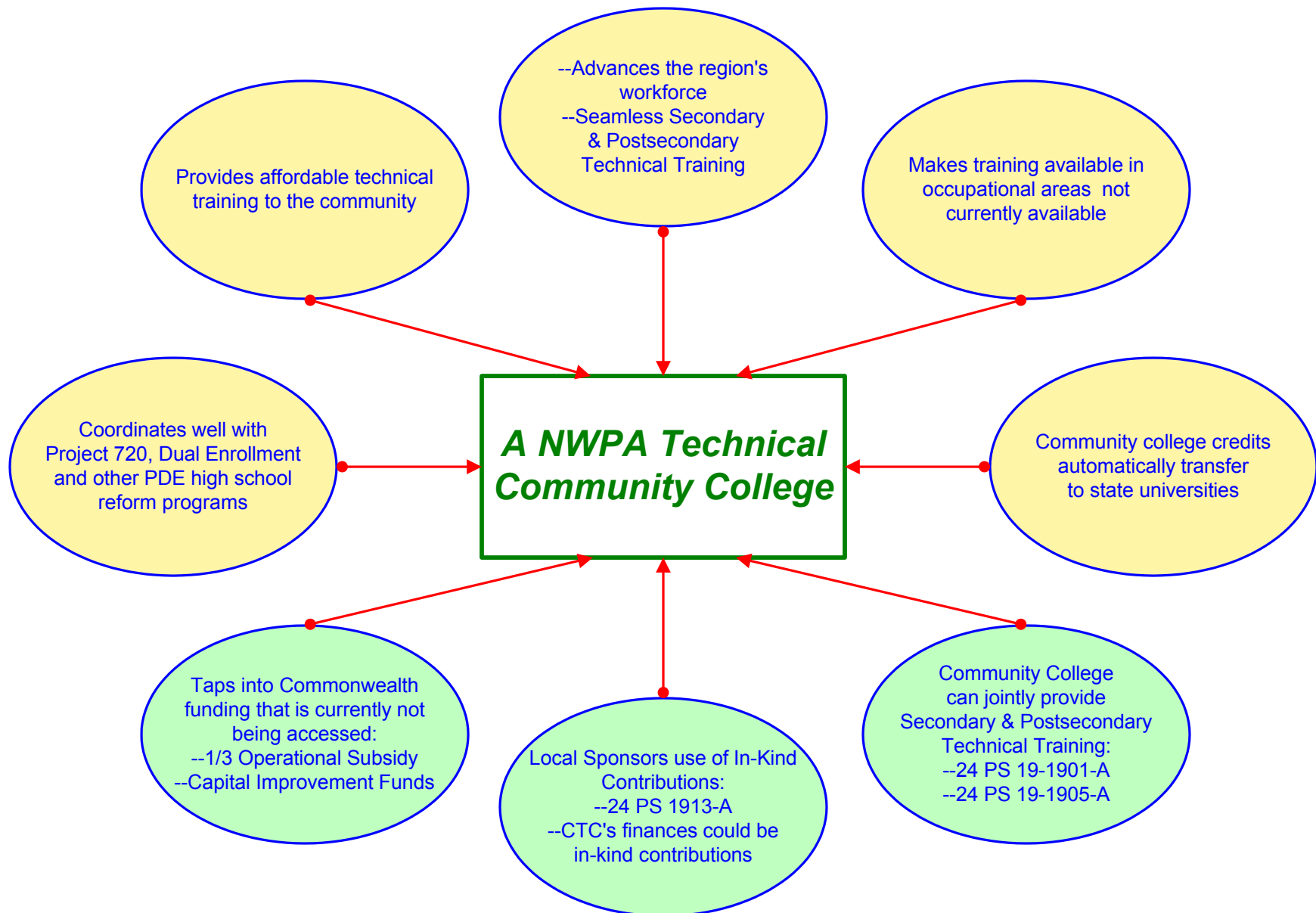
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John Ogden, Vice-President & Treasurer

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Reasons & Opportunities for a Technical Community College in Northwest Pennsylvania

This proposal uses the existing Career & Technical Centers as the operational and financial foundation for the college's operation.



Northwest Pennsylvania Technical Community College
Concept: Organizational Structure

<i>Management</i>	Northwest Pennsylvania Technical Community College Board of Trustees					
	Administrative Office					
<i>Branches</i> (at CTC's)	Clarion	Crawford	Erie	Mercer	Venango	Warren

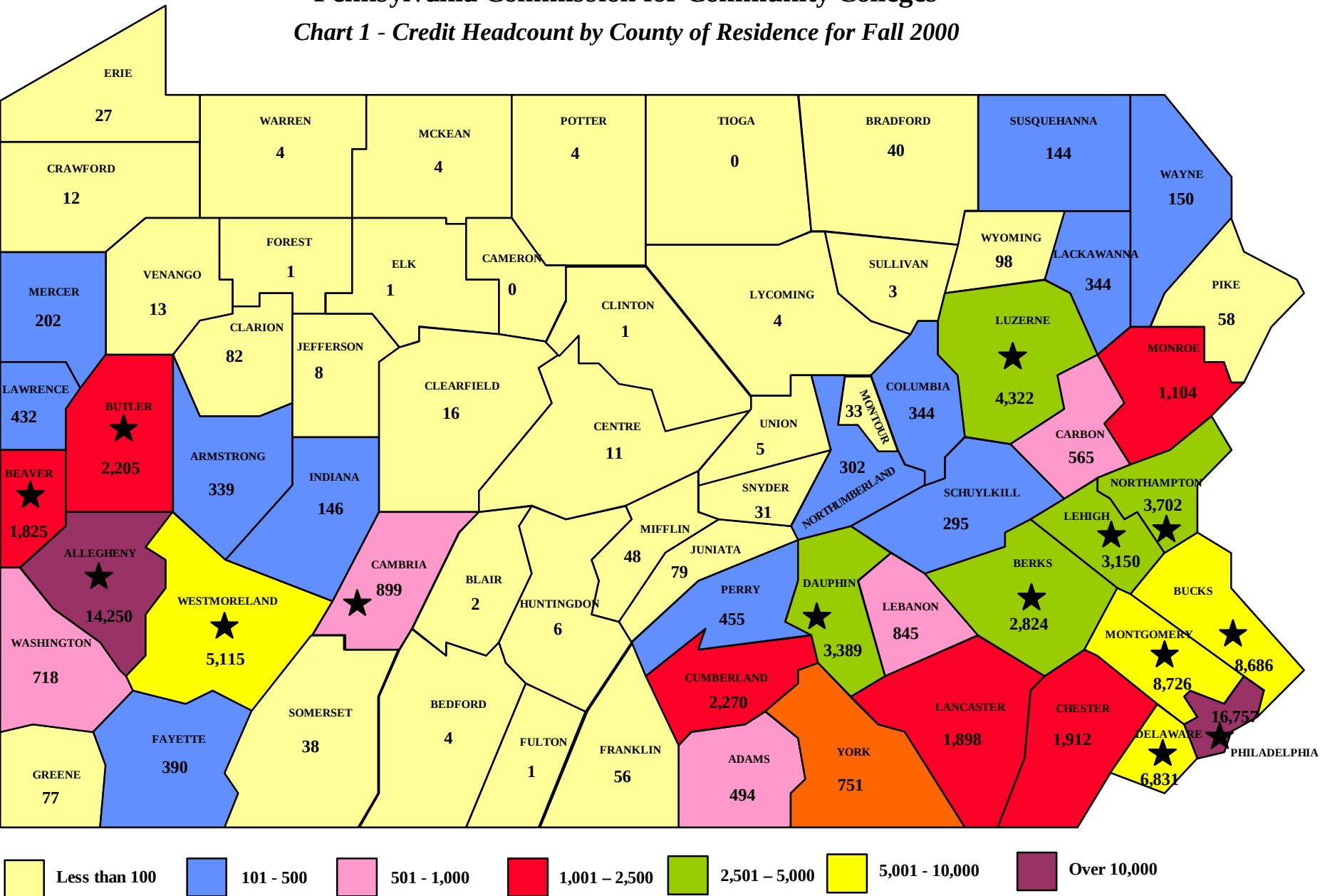
<i>Local Sponsors</i>	Districts	Districts	Districts	Districts	Districts	Districts
	- Allegheny-Clarion - Clarion Area - Clarion-Limestone - Keystone - North Clarion County - Redbank Valley - Union	- Conneaut - Crawford Central - Penncrest	- Corry - Erie City - Fairview - Fort LeBoeuf - General McLane - Girard - Harbor Creek - Iroquois - Millcreek - North East - Northwestern - Union City - Wattsburg	- Commodore Perry - Farrell - Greenville - Grove City - Hermitage - Jamestown - Lakeview - Mercer - Reynolds - Sharon City - Sharpsville - West Middlesex	- Cranberry - Forest Area - Franklin - Oil City - Titusville - Valley Grove	Warren County

<i>Financial</i>	Local Sponsorship: In-kind Contributions Facilities, Maintenance, Instructional & Support Staff					
	CTC Funding	CTC Funding	CTC Funding	CTC Funding	CTC Funding	CTC Funding
	State FTE					
	Student Tuition					

<i>Programming</i>	Regional Needs High Priority Occupations & Emerging Technologies Health Care, Manufacturing, Transportation/Automotive, Building Construction, Early Childhood Education					
	Local Needs Mfg. Homes	Local Needs	Local Needs Insurance Tourism Welding	Local Needs Welding	Local Needs Powdered Metals Welding Woods	Local Needs Welding

Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges

Chart 1 - Credit Headcount by County of Residence for Fall 2000



★ Denotes Location of Main Campus

Note: The enrollment figures are **Fall Credit Headcount ONLY**. The number of students enrolled from a county with a campus does **NOT** necessarily reflect the total number of students enrolled at that college. Students frequently come to the colleges from several counties.

Northwest PA Career and Technical Education
Assets and Expenditures
Potential In-Kind Contributions

Career & Technical School	Building Appraised Value	Equipment Appraised Value	Land Appraised Value	2005-2006 Budget	Technical Ed. Salaries & Benefits	Plant Maintenance & Operations	Year of Appraisal
Clarion	\$5,273,456	\$499,859	\$60,567	\$3,347,807	\$1,575,221	\$355,516	2005
Corry					\$1,075,541		
Crawford	\$13,418,000	\$4,900,000	n.a.	\$3,605,320	\$1,376,971	\$450,920	n.a.
Erie City							
Erie County	\$15,956,016	\$3,526,406	\$1,968,000	\$4,760,873	\$1,653,418	\$699,555	2005
Venango	\$11,925,514	\$4,852,492	\$32,737	\$4,790,251	\$1,225,379	\$504,353	2005
Warren	\$7,300,000	\$2,409,000	n.a.	\$1,683,846	\$1,346,290	\$113,079	n.a.
Mercer	\$11,396,710	\$3,617,342	n.a.	\$4,467,889	\$1,473,331	\$520,566	2004
Total	\$ 65,269,696	\$ 19,805,099	\$ 2,061,304	\$ 22,655,986	\$ 9,726,151	\$ 2,643,989	

n.a.: not available

PA Community Colleges

Pennsylvania currently has 14 community colleges founded under the Community College Act of 1963:

Bucks County Community College (1964)	Lehigh Carbon Community College* (1967)
Butler County Community College (1965)	Luzerne County Community College (1967)
Cambria County Area Community College (1994)	Montgomery County Community College (1966)
Community College of Allegheny County (1966)	Northampton Community College* (1966)
Community College of Beaver County (1966)	Reading Area Community College (1971)
Community College of Philadelphia (1964)	Westmoreland County Community College (1970)
Delaware County Community College* (1967)	
Harrisburg Area Community College* (1964)	

Four colleges are sponsored by school districts (*). The other ten are sponsored by counties or municipalities.

School District Sponsors

Delaware County Community College (11 Districts)

Garnet Valley	Ridley	Upper Darby
Haverford	Rose Tree Media	Wallingford-Swarthmore
Interboro	Southeast Delco	William Penn
Radnor	Springfield	

Harrisburg Area Community College (22 Districts)

Camp Hill	Harrisburg	Susquehanna Township
Carlisle Area	Lower Dauphin	Susquenita
Central Dauphin	Mechanicsburg	Upper Dauphin
Cumberland Valley	Middletown	West Perry
Derry Township	Millersburg	West Shore
East Pennsboro	Newport	Williams Valley
Greenwood	South Middleton	
Halifax Area	Steelton-Highspire	

Lehigh Carbon Community College (13 Districts)

The college is sponsored by the nine (9) school districts in Lehigh County:

Allentown	Northern Lehigh	Salisbury
Catasauqua	Northwestern Lehigh	Southern Lehigh
East Penn	Parkland	Whitehall-Coplay

And, four (4) of the five (5) school districts in Carbon County:

Jim Thorpe	Palmerton
Lehighton	Panther Valley

Northampton Community College (8 Districts)

Bangor	Nazareth	Saucon Valley
Bethlehem	Northampton	Wilson
Easton	Pen Argyl	