

High School Activity Report
August 25, 2005

1. Mr. Hansen and Dr. Jackson spent the week of July 31 through August 5th at The Governor's Institute which was held at Keystone College in La Plume, PA. Although much of the institute was directed toward the PSSA and AYP, there were valuable topics discussed which could be utilized to improve the overall climate of the Erie County Technical School. As a result of the institute, Dr. Jackson and Mr. Hansen constructed a strategic plan which will attempt to address the NOCTI Assessment, Instructional Rigor and Relevance, and Student Retention.
2. Mr. Hansen and Natalie Fatica are extremely excited about Phylis Zimmerman, our new Networking teacher. Phylis appears to possess many qualities which will help strengthen our Networking program and also increase our enrollment in Networking. Phylis will direct the half day Networking Lab, and will assist Mr. Baker for the remainder of the day. New Teacher Orientation for Phylis will be held on Monday, August 22nd through Wednesday, August 24th, 2005. Natalie Fatica and Mr. Hansen will organize the set of activities designed to provide our new teachers with a support system which will allow a smooth transition during their first year of teaching.
3. Mr. Hansen spent two days traveling to the sending schools in order to meet the sending school principals and assistant principals. This was part of Mr. Hansen's entry plan in order to allow the sending school administration to meet Mr. Hansen before school begins, and to provide them with the opportunity to express any individual concerns they may have for the upcoming school year.
4. Kelly Druhushak, Harborcreek Guidance Counselor, and Suzanne Matthews, ECTS Commercial Art/Design Instructor, spent July 8, 2005 with ECTS CMA Senior, Whitney Wagner at the Governor's School Open House at Mercyhurst College. This intensive one-month training will assist Whitney, who is in the process of preparing her portfolio for enrollment in a 4-year college. Only 210 students out of 10,000 were chosen statewide for this year's Governor's School. The ECTS staff would like to compliment Whitney on her dedication toward her career goals.
5. This year eight of our twelve sending schools will start classes on or before August 31st, the first day of classes for the Erie County Technical School. Girard, Iroquois, North East and Seneca will begin school after our first day. The principals of these schools have assured me that they will work with their transportation departments to arrange student transportation to the tech school on the day our school opens. This is very important since essential safety and procedural information is covered during these first few days of school.
6. ECTS instructors will report to school four days prior to the first day of school for our students. Mr. Holland has arranged for two days of intensive in-service with MAX Teaching. The focus of these two days will be to improve literacy in our students. During the third day of in-service, teachers will be trained on SchoolDESX, our new student information management software package. Finally, the fourth day of in-service will be the traditional half day of information, followed by a half day of work in individual classrooms.