

**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
June 2006**

Chapter 339 Program Approval Audit. A summary report from the Chapter 339 Audit has been received from PDE. We will review the report with the operating committee during the work session. A copy is available as a hyperlink in the work session agenda.

Regional Technical Community College. Representatives from the community college initiative met with Mike Batchelor and Amy Cuzzola-Kern from the Erie Community Foundation (ECF). The meeting went very well with good questions and discussion. The ECF has encouraged the initiative to submit "capacity building" grant application. It is hoped the grant application can be completed by the end of July.

Welding Training. The RCTC will be signing another contract to conduct welding training for the Northwest Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center-led training initiative. Custom Engineering and Riley Power continue to participate heavily in the program. This round of training will be conducted on the first shift. Two five-week programs will be scheduled back-to-back. The first class will begin June 26 and the second class will conclude the first week in September. It is anticipated another 24 welders will be trained through the project.

Administrative Retreat. The administrative staff will participate in a quasi-retreat on June 19 and 20. The "retreat" will be held at the school. The agenda for the retreat includes an ISO management review meeting, a review of *Key Indicators of Performance Success (KIPS)*, a review of other performance data and a meeting with a PDE representative regarding the campus accreditation process scheduled for September. The intent of the retreat is to establish some priorities for the 2006-2007 school year.

Perkins Allocation. The federal and state departments of education were slow in releasing the allocations for the 2006-2007 federal Perkins grant. The state indicated there would be a decrease in funds due to a change in the State's population census. The Perkins funds to the states are based on a population distribution. Our 2005-2006 allocation totaled \$331,347. Our 2006-2007 allocation is \$321,710, a decrease of \$9,637 or 2.9%.