

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

2006-2007 Applications & Enrollments. Little has changed since the committee's review of enrollments in April. This month the committee will make personnel decisions on programs that have enrollment concerns. The committee will review the enrollments and receive information from the May superintendents' meeting.

Chapter 339 Program Approval Audit. A summary report from the Chapter 339 Audit has been received from PDE. A copy of the report is available in the supplemental information section of the agenda.

2006-2007 Budget. The technical school's budget proposal has been approved by all 11 school districts.

County Land Purchase. All of the districts have also approved the purchase of technical school property by Erie County. There appeared to be an issue with gas rights for the property. That issue has apparently been resolved. The last hurdle in the process will be approval by Erie County Council. I will defer to Attorney Sennett for a thorough update on the land purchase.

Regional Technical Community College. Some very good news has been received from the Regional Center for Workforce Excellence (also known as the NWPA Workforce Investment Board). In a conversation with the RCWE, the Erie Community Foundation has expressed an interest in providing a grant to help in the planning of a regional technical community college. The grant would primarily provide personnel to do the "shoulder work" in compiling the application that would be submitted to PDE. A meeting is being planned for early June to meet with the foundation regarding the grant application.

Skill Center Usage Request. We recently received an inquiry from Mark DiPlacido of Perseus House. Perseus House is looking for another location to house their alternative education program that is currently housed at the Family First Sports Dome. In consultation with Dr. Miller, we are conducting a survey of the superintendents to determine their support for adding an additional alternative education program at the Skill Center. Initial concerns from an administrative perspective include limited space at the Skill Center, scheduling conflicts with the Erie County Academy for Collegiate and Advanced Studies and our own Career Alternative Education Program; and facility usage concerns with our alternative education program.

Administrative Performance Reviews. In early June, the administrative staff will go through the performance review process. The process includes a self-review by the administrator and performance assessment by the Director for each administrator. Both the administrator and Director use the same criteria. The performance review drives each administrator's salary recommendation for the following year. However, there is no performance rating-salary increase scale in place. Reviews will take place despite the absence of the scale.