

**Superintendent's Report
Erie County Technical School
Joint Operating Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2005**

On November 4, 2005, the Erie County Superintendents' Professional Advisory Council met to discuss the following topics:

- **Regional Collaboration:** Ed McAtee from IU5 met with superintendents to review the proposed revisions to the vocational education regulations. Public hearings will be held in the near future. Should the proposed changes to the regulations become law, school districts that have vocational programs within their schools will have to revamp them to meet the new requirements. Those programs that do not meet the requirements will not qualify for district reimbursements.
- **Second Shift Programming:** Dr. Jackson shared that the second shift programming held during the 1980's ended because of transportation costs. Superintendents are still interested in pursuing the idea in order to provide more opportunities for students to have the programs of their choice. Our next step is to see how many current ECTS students would be interested in participating in a second shift program.
- **Career and Technical Education Tour and Discussion with Senator Jane Earll:** Senator Earll visited ECTS to learn about the secondary technical training programs. On her tour, she had an opportunity to meet and speak with the instructors of each program. She also spoke with students in some of the labs operating during the time of her visit. Senator Earll was impressed with what she saw and learned about ECTS, and she commented on the variety of programming and of the quality of the programs, teachers, and students.

Following the tour, Senator Earll met with superintendents to discuss the need for a technical community college in Erie County. Superintendents stressed the need to provide post secondary training opportunities for the students of Erie County.