

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

Regional Technical Community College. The community college front has been relatively quiet the past month. At their December meeting, the superintendents endorsed a meeting of CTC directors and superintendents of record from across the region. The intent of the meeting is to build consensus and momentum among the districts. The meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 9 in Meadville.

The superintendents also suggested that a summary document be created that provides answers to the 'who, what, when, where and why' of a technical community college. A draft document is now circulating among the ECTS superintendents and the CTC directors. A copy of the document is available in the supplemental section for board member review.

2007-2008 ECTS Budget. With an endorsement from the superintendents at the December Professional Advisory Council meeting, the administration is pleased to present a proposed budget for 2007-2008. The budget calls for a district contribution increase of 3.38 percent. Changes in district contributions range from a high of \$34,705 for Northwestern to a decrease of \$2,344 for Union City. The average per pupil cost crossed the \$4,000 threshold for the first time this year. We look forward to the JOC's approval of the budget this month. Participating school districts can then review and approve the budget in January.

The superintendents discussed the wide range of change in individual district contributions, from last year to this year. Historically, this has been a feature of our budget. The administration will be working with the Professional Advisory Council to see if there is some way to level out the change in contributions among the districts. Any change would probably result in an amendment of the Articles of Agreement, with all districts approving any change.

Public Safety Building. The administration has placed a motion on the December agenda to endorse the zoning variances sought by the County for the radio tower at the Public Safety Building. The variances include tower height, fall zone and property setback. While the county public safety office would like to see a quick resolution to this matter, the JOC should feel comfortable in taking the time necessary to make a good decision.

Performance Check-ups. The quarterly meetings between the director and each administrator are complete for the winter quarter. A copy of the quarterly action plans are included in each board member's meeting folder.

Season's Greetings

Warmest wishes for the holiday season!