

**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
March 2007**

Strategic Planning. Recent and planned events in our strategic planning process include:

- Business & Industry Survey, March 13, 2007 at Occupational Advisory Council Dinner
- Student Focus Groups, March 15 to March 29, 2007
- JOC Stakeholder Forum, March 22, 2007
- Parent Stakeholder Survey, early April as part of Third Quarter Grade Cards
- Strategic Visioning Meeting, April 12, 2007

In line with PDE guidelines, we are establishing several action plan committees. The committees and their co-chairs are:

- 1) Academic Achievement—John Hansen and Donna Erdman
- 2) Student Services—Jan Kennerknecht and Patty Palo
- 3) Professional Development and Teacher Induction—Natalie Fatica and Andrea Lucarotti
- 4) Special Education—Pat Holland and Janet Grossman
- 5) Educational Technology—Jeff Smith and Phylis Zimmermann
- 6) Facilities—Steve Sceiford and Tracy Massello
- 7) Organizational Growth—Aldo Jackson and Dave Michalak

Regional Technical Community College. The Erie Community Foundation has established a Gaps Analysis Committee to review employment demands and educational opportunities in the region. Sandra Myers is the county school districts' representative to the committee. The committee hopes to have a report available by late June.

The Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technical Administrators (PACTA) has received draft legislation for "technical colleges" as proposed in Governor Rendell's 2007-2008 Budget. Superintendents reviewed and provided feedback to the document at their March meeting. The feedback was shared with the PACTA executive director. A copy of the draft legislation is available for review in the supplemental section of the agenda.

Equipment Purchase. This month's agenda includes a recommendation for the purchase of computerized numerical control lathes and mills for our Tool & Die program. We had hoped to acquire six pieces of equipment, but bids will only allow for four pieces. This equipment was funded 50% through a PDE/BCTE equipment grant and 50% capital reserve funds.

We also processed a purchase order for an Invacare patient body lift (600 lb. capacity) and a Hoyer stand aid lifter for the Health Assistant program. We are also working on the purchase of a video microscope for this program.

Welding Training. The seventh class of the customized welding program will begin on April 16. Companies participating in this round of training include Custom Engineering, Riley Power, Warren Company and Zeyon, Inc.

Travel—March & April. The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- *ECTS Guidance Counselors Meeting*, March 9; discussed 2007-2008 applications analysis
- *Erie County Workforce Development Council*, March 13; Intermodal Center; multi-agency group focused on training for business and industry
- *ECTS Occupational Advisory Council Dinner*, March 13; recognition of employers serving on OACs; program council meetings
- *American Welding Society, District 10 Meeting*; March 14, Parma, Ohio; AWS district governor working with CTCs in Ohio and Pennsylvania to improve training programs and better meet the need for welders
- *Growth Partnership Membership Meeting*, March 22, Kahkwa Club; discussion of community issues: mayoral advisory group, gaming revenue, transportation, community college and transformation planning
- *Erie Community Foundation*, March 23, ECTS; hosting board of trustees meeting with brief overview of school and campus tour
- *Ch. 339 Audit for Venango Technology Center*, March 27-29 with Jan Kennerknecht; serving as peer auditor with PDE program approval review
- *Ft. LeBoeuf School District Board of Directors Meeting*, April 3 with Mary Ellen Camp, ECTS; hosting dinner meeting with overview of RCTC and NC/NO programming.
- *Statewide Regional Career Education Partnership Meeting*, April 5, Harrisburg, serving as a partner with the Regional Center for Workforce Excellence (WIB) strategic planning for the career education partnership