

Superintendent's Report
Erie County Technical School
Joint Operating Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 2007

2007-2008 Applications Report: Dr. Jackson reviewed the report. The review included programs with enrollments near 10 students per session. Based on the advice of the Dr. Jackson, the superintendents recommend to the JOC to close new enrollments in the Plastics Technologies program and offer the Networking Technologies program on a half-time basis. There was also some discussion about the low enrollment for first-year Facilities Maintenance Technology.

Committed to Excellence Grant: Dr. Jackson shared the grant proposal. Discussion about a career development software package resulted in a recommendation to study the role of career guidance in the districts before committing to a software package. The superintendents also suggested that the technical school use the academic remediation resources already in the schools (Study Island), rather than purchasing a separate software package.

Transition Center: Dr. Jackson discussed the availability and feasibility of using federal surplus trailers. Due to their size, the trailers would not work in the Skill Center. As shared with the superintendents, the cost of architectural planning, approval of construction by the Department of Labor & Industry, and the need to acquire a mandate waiver for student construction, the timeline for completing the transition center would need to be pushed back. The superintendents were agreeable to use the 2007-2008 year for planning and construction. The program would then open in 2008-2009.

Influence of Act 1: A brief overview of the impact of Act 1 on career and technical centers across the state was provided to the council. It was noted there are regional differences in the influence of Act 1 on CTCs. There was some agreement that as school district budgets are pinched by the act, there could be some influence on the ECTS budget. The superintendents agreed to discuss the matter as they foresaw some effect on ECTS.

Erie-Crawford Cooperative Letter: The superintendents reviewed and discussed the letter. They agreed with a plan to talk with Cooperative representatives before providing a response.

Strategic Planning Update: Dr. Jackson reported on the activities and progress to date.