

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

Regional Technical Community College. Nine Erie County districts have passed, signed and returned the resolution. We anticipate all eleven districts will approve the resolution. One school district in Clarion County has passed the resolution, another district is expected to pass the resolution shortly.

Mr. Bucksbee and I met with Dr. Robert Towsey, interim superintendent for Warren County School District, and Dr. Hugh Dwyer, assistant superintendent, to discuss the technical community college proposal. It appeared during the discussion that Warren County might be considering another model for delivering community college programming. The Director also met with Dr. Bob Oliver, assistant superintendent with the City of Erie School District. There has been limited discussion of the proposal within the city school district. Dr. Oliver offered to share the proposal document with school board members.

Referrals have come to the attention of the Director regarding a project coordinator. Conversations were held with two individuals referred by Dr. Dean Maynard. Follow-up meetings are expected to occur with these two individuals. Any project coordinator should be endorsed by all school district stakeholders.

Strategic Planning. After the board's approval last month of the contract with Strategy Solutions, we signed the contract. The strategic planning process will begin in January. Administrative staff will also be participating in training provided by the Intermediate Unit regarding the electronic strategic planning process promoted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Public Safety Building. The County of Erie held their groundbreaking ceremony for the public safety building on Wednesday, October 18. County Executive Mark DiVecchio hosted the event.

Program Approvals. Administrative staff members have been working through a detailed process to resubmit program documents to have our 20 technical education programs re-approved by PDE. The process entails teacher certification, articulation with postsecondary institutions, occupational analysis, planned courses and exit outcomes. The program approval process is scheduled to conclude in December.

Equipment Donation. Several years ago, the technical school signed on with the National Cristina Foundation for the receipt of donated technology equipment. A proposed donation came through in mid-October of a Xerox/Tektronix Docuprint N4025 from a company in Boyers, PA. The equipment was reported to be in excellent condition. The facilities and technology departments are working with the company to take delivery of the copier/printer.