

Superintendent's Report
Erie County Technical School
Joint Operating Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2006

On September 1, 2006, the Erie County Superintendents' Professional Advisory Council met to discuss the following topics:

Informational Items:

- ❖ **Chapter 339 Compliance Audit Reports:** There was a question whether districts have received final audit reports from PDE. Some had while others had not. Dr. Jackson will follow-up with PDE on the status.
- ❖ **2006-07 In-service Agenda:** Dr. Jackson reviewed the agenda and reported on the success of this year's in-service program.
- ❖ **Your Employability Skills Program:** The 4 pilot schools reported on enrollment stats, concerns, suggestion for pooling resources, and requirements needed to participate in this program. Round #2 will be available soon and the merits of participation were explored.

Tech Prep and School to Work Partnership: The IU had shared with the Superintendents at their last meeting that state funds were cut for the current program offered by the IU. Superintendents are interested in ascertaining how the Technical School could assimilate services to serve the needs currently met by the IU program. After discussion, it was decided that Dr. Jackson, Mr. Bova, Dr. Maynard, and Mrs. Myers would meet with Dr. Margie Wallace at the IU to discuss the issue in detail and report back to the Superintendents at the next PAC meeting.

Recruitment, Admissions, & Enrollment Process: Dr. Jackson disseminated handouts and discussed the merits of adjusting the timeline and procedures for recruitment. Schools were asked to direct their IT personnel to forward a 9th grade roster in a specific format to assist in mailing information to families.

Regional Technical College: Dr. Jackson announced that 4 districts had passed the resolution and polled the remaining districts regarding their intent or concerns. Discussion centered around concerns that some opportunities may be lost for our students. Specific issues discussed were: the elimination of slots for programs if adults are included, when classes would be held, and the potential elimination of programs. Superintendents would like all to agree on a basic premise of making sure programs will not be eliminated. Superintendents also endorsed Dr. Therese Walters as a potential planning facilitator and "point person" for the Regional Technical College endeavor.

Strategic Planning: Dr. Jackson delivered an overview of the process and discussion was generated regarding potential facilitators for the process.

Pennsylvania Postsecondary Vocational Education Accreditation:

Discussion transpired regarding accrediting the high school programs for adult enrollment and subsequent access to federal financial aid funds for adults.

2007-08 Budgets – ACT 1: The adjustment of the ECTS budget timelines will take place so that Superintendents can have a preliminary view of financial needs by November.

Access to District PSSA Scores: Dr. Jackson asked the Superintendents to forward disaggregated PSSA scores to reflect vocational and non-vocational student scores. This information will be used to enhance programmatic needs and adjustments for the students.