

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report

April 2008

Budget Progress. As you will note from the Business Manager's report, we have received 'approved' budget resolutions from ten districts. Millcreek has yet to vote on the budget. Their finance committee is scheduled for an overview on April 22. As it stands now, the 2008-2009 budget is approved.

Community College. County Council Chairperson Joe Giles hosted a meeting of the steering committee for the community college. Three subcommittees (Governance and Structure, Workforce Development and Educational Strategies) will meet on a regular basis to build strategies for the proposed college. The county's plan also includes an executive committee.

Enrollment Review. Per an administrative procedure for Board Policy 126, the superintendents and joint operating committee review applications and enrollments in April and May. In May, the superintendents will make a recommendation to the operating committee regarding the status of any program that has fewer than 10 students per session (morning and afternoon). The 2008-2009 April Enrollment report is included in the supplemental section of the agenda.

Dual Enrollment. The administrative staff has plans to meet with Bill Hallock, Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Applied Technology at the Clarion University, Venango Campus to develop dual enrollment agreements. ECTS could develop agreements with Clarion's 24 associate degree programs. Dual enrollment agreements allow students to receive college credit while enrolled in a high school program or class.

Class Cancellation. With RCTC classes and other events scheduled on the campus on a regular basis, it has become apparent we need a procedure to close the campus for emergency purposes. As the result of our continuous improvement process, an ad hoc committee has developed *Administrative Procedure 804—Campus Closure*, which is related to Policy 804—School Day. The procedure is offered for the operating committee's first review.

Director's Travel and Meetings. The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- *Community College Meeting*, Steering Committees; Erie County Courthouse, April 4
- *County-level Workforce Development Meeting*, Intermodal Center; April 8
- *Meet & Discuss*, ECTS; with ECTS Federation of Teachers officers and administrative staff; April 9
- *Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership*, Annual Legislator Dinner; Ambassador Conference Center; with Jim Bucksbee, Andy Foyle, Sandra Myers, Jim Tracy, Mary Ellen Camp and Jan Kennerknecht; April 10
- *Northern Tier Career Center, Chapter 339 Peer Review*; Towanda, PA; April 15-17
- *ECTS Budget Overview*; Millcreek Education Center; with MTSD Finance Committee; April 22