

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

Welcome New Board Members. It is our pleasure to welcome Mr. Terry Scutella as the Millcreek Township School District representative, Mr. Bill Kaliszewski as the Iroquois School District Representative, to the ECTS Joint Operating Committee.

Budget Process. The administration and staff have constructed a preliminary budget proposal for 2008-2009. The basic budget calls for a 5.8% increase in district contributions. The increase in district contributions, totaling \$180,989, covers only annual increases in salaries, benefits and increases in other standard fixed costs. The administration compiled a list of additional personnel, services and upgrades for presentation to the superintendents. We hope they will recommend adding some of those items to our budget proposal.

Community College. The meeting between three superintendents and the director with Erie County Executive Mark DiVecchio was rescheduled for Monday, January 7. As noted earlier, the superintendents requested the meeting to discuss Mr. DiVecchio's community college plans and how the local school districts can play a role in the plan.

Career Alternative Education Program. The enrollment in the program for the most recent reporting period totals 74 students. Twelve districts are participating, including one from Crawford County.

Special Education Transition Center. Steve Sceiford and I met with Chris Coughlin of Hallgren, Restifo, Loop & Coughlin to discuss the design of the transition center. Chris will be guiding us through the project approval process. We hope to begin construction of the center in February.

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

- *Presentation by Secretary Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Graduation Competency Assessments, sponsored by the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership and Regional Center for Workforce Excellence; December 3, Ambassador Conference Center*
- *Regional Career Education Partnership; December 3; Gary Svetz, Svetz Consulting; to discuss facilitation of partnership*
- *Employer Luncheon & Tour, December 5; Windsor Beach Technologies, Inc., Bob Macyko, President; with Elaine Shaffer and Rob Supryniewicz*
- *Association for Career & Technical Education, Las Vegas, Nevada, December 12 and 15; to present on analysis and use of NOCTI data by ECTS and attend national career and technical education convention*
- *Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technical Administrators, December 17 and 18, State College, participating in a subcommittee to discuss vocational education subsidy*