



COUNTY OF ERIE

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February 22, 2008

Dr. Aldo Jackson, Director
Erie County Technical School
8500 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Erie County government has created a steering committee which will have a central role in the planning and implementation of the Northwest Pennsylvania Community College. This committee is being formed for several reasons: to help assure community buy in, appropriate size and design, and the development of a targeted career pathways curriculum. In order for this joint effort between the County Executive and Erie County Council to be effective, we need a talented and committed volunteer representing your organization.

The steering committee will be comprised of four (4) sub committees each with a specific area of concentration. Examine the attached resolution, which County Council unanimously passed at its regular meeting on February 19th, and you will see the role which has been envisioned for each sub committee member.

Please give thoughtful consideration as to who might be available as a representative from your organization for this important community role. Please contact Council Clerk Doug Smith, at 451-6303, with your selection as soon as possible. The work of this committee will likely extend for a significant period of time owing to the scope of the project and its importance to you and our community.

Sincerely,


Joseph F. Giles, Chairman
Erie County Council

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9, 2008

**In Support of the Northwest Pennsylvania Community
College Steering Committee**

WHEREAS, the development of a strategy for the planning and implementation of a Community College in Erie County requires formal input from educational, business, industrial and public sector leaders to ensure the long term development and success of the project, and

WHEREAS, the formation of an Northwest Pennsylvania Community College Steering Committee will insure community buy-in, assure appropriate size and design and the development of a targeted career pathways curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's end product will be a comprehensive recommendation that details governance, structure, secondary and post secondary educational strategies, a thorough review of the educational and training gaps within the community and a timeline for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the committee will function as a strategic team working formally with local and national project consultants in the development of a final comprehensive plan which will serve as a blueprint for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will be organized to include, but not limited to, four sub-committees with all Members having voting rights*within the Advisory Committee and an Executive Committee:

- 1) Governance & College Structure:
 - a) Chamber & Growth Partnership Representative
 - b) Director Erie Community Foundation
 - c) Technical Advisor for Online Education
 - d) County Solicitor
 - e) Business Representative
 - f) State & Federal Government Representatives
 - g) Economic Development Corporation Representative
- 2) Educational Strategies – Pre & Post Secondary
 - a) Superintendent City of Erie School District
 - b) Representative of Intermediate Unit
 - c) Minority Training Representative
 - d) Regional Skills Center/Vo Tech Representative
 - e) United Way Representative
 - f) Two Representatives from School Districts Outside of Erie
 - g) Liaison to the Mayor of the City of Erie
- 3) Workforce Training Gaps and Business Needs Assessment
 - a) MAE Representative
 - b) Technology Council Representative
 - c) PMI Representative
 - d) South County Training and Education Advisor
 - e) Representatives of Behrend, Edinboro, Gannon & Mercyhurst
 - f) Public Safety Director/Representative
 - g) Workforce Development Representative

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- 4) Executive Committee
- a) Mark A. DiVecchio, County Executive
 - b) Robert Spaulding, Director of Economic Development
 - * c) Dr. William Garvey
 - * d) Dr. Pierce (AACC Consultant)
 - * e) David Van Amburg
 - f) Mary Bula, Director of Growth Partnership
 - g) Joseph F. Giles, Chairman of Erie County Council
 - h) Representative from each of the three (3) other subcommittees

WHEREAS, each sub-committee will include representation from the County Council and the Administration with full voting rights; and

WHEREAS, each sub-committee will elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman whose duties will include the development of an agenda and meeting schedule.

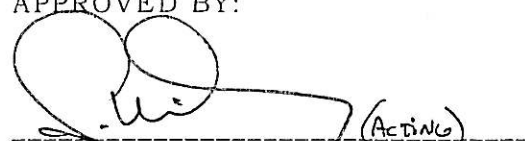
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erie County Administration and County Council establish the Northwest Pennsylvania Community College Steering Committee to further the goal of developing a regional, post secondary educational and training institution that serve the employment needs and career pathways of our citizens.

On the motion of Mr. Fatica, seconded by Mr. Leone, this resolution was passed on this 19th day of February, 2008 by a vote of 7 - 0.

APPROVED BY:



Joseph F. Giles, Chairman
Erie County Council



Mark A. DiVecchio
County Executive

Date: February 19, 2008

ATTEST:



Douglas R. Smith
County Clerk

Date: February 19, 2008