

Erie County Technical School Director's Report January & February 2008

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, and Ms. Barb Gainer as the Harbor Creek School District representative to the ECTS Joint Operating Committee.

Budget Progress. The administration discussed the preliminary budget proposal for 2008-2009 with superintendents. 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 priorities and asked JOC members and superintendents to review and discuss them. We hope JOC members are prepared to recommend a final budget proposal. A draft budget has been prepared which allows for the approval of any one of the three options.

Community College. The meeting between three superintendents (Myers, Karns, Kessler) and the director with Erie County Executive Mark DiVecchio occurred on Monday, January 7. The meeting went well. The superintendents expressed the school districts' interest in working with the county executive as the community college plan develops. Mr. DiVecchio agreed to keep the county superintendents "in the loop."

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.

Advisory Committees Meeting. Annually, we host a dinner meeting for all of the members of our occupational advisory committees. This year's dinner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. We expect over 100 business and industry representatives to join us that evening to provide feedback and input into the design and delivery of our technical programs.

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

- *PACTA Symposium*, Preparing Students for the Workforce of Tomorrow: An Education and Workforce Development Symposium; Hershey, PA; February 4 to 6
- *Career & Technical Education Week Celebration, Capital Visit*; Harrisburg, PA; February 11—13; with Elaine Shaffer, Andrea Adams (Health Assistant, Harbor Creek), Eric Harrington (Networking, Northwestern), and Justin Gajewski (Electronics, Millcreek)