

Superintendent's Report
Erie County Technical School
Joint Operating Committee
Thursday, February 28, 2008

Intermediate Unit: Bill Nichols presented the items for discussion as follows:
Fingerprinting updates, VEMICS, RACHEL, parent notifications systems, Legislative bills for HB1600 (sales tax/income tax), SB1 (right to know), SB1841 (health insurance), PSERS rate change, cyber school, and labor day school start.

Career Pathways Model – Jan Kennerknacht presented a sample of a model currently in the design stage. Discussion included articulation agreements and a side by side for program particulars which special education teachers and guidance counselors could use in developing IEPs or reference for parents.

Transition Center Update: Dr. Miller presented the most recent updates to the brochure and reported the progress on curriculum investigation and draft schedules. The Task Force continues to work on job preparation and prerequisite skills needed within the program. Dr. Jackson distributed the most recent architect drawings.

2008-2009 Calendar- Dr. Jackson submitted a proposed calendar and discussion included considering moving 2 days from the Christmas holiday to the Easter holiday to meet the needs within individual districts. Each district will adjust their in-house calendars as needed. Districts will try to stay as close to the calendar as possible.

Community College Update- Dr. Jackson presented a handout given to us by the County Executive. It was noted ECTS is designated as participating by only offering basic/advanced certificates.

13th Year Students- Dr. Jackson handed out proposed admission guidelines. Discussion included allowing students to attend ECTS programming and a work study opportunity coordinated by the home school district.

ECTS Future- Then... and Now- Dr. Jackson presented handouts which detailed changes needed to encompass 21st Century Skills and the changing dynamics of global competition. Discussion included consideration of changing labs to match career pathways and 2+2+2 models.

Informational Items: January Enrollment Report