

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report

January 2008

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

Budget Process. 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.

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

- *New Superintendent Luncheon & Tour*, January 17; Wattsburg Area School District, Jay Badams, Superintendent and Nancy Sadaly, Assistant Superintendent
- *PACTA Symposium*, Preparing Students for the Workforce of Tomorrow: An Education and Workforce Development Symposium, Hershey, PA, February 4 to 6