

Erie County Technical School Director's Report March 2008

Budget Progress. We have received budget resolutions from two districts. I have made budget discussions with three districts, Iroquois, Northwestern and Millcreek. We do not anticipate major issues with the budget as it moves through the districts.

Community College. Dr. David Pierce and David Van Amburg met with Mrs. Myers, Mr. Bucksbee and I on Tuesday, March 11 to discuss the county's community college plan and the potential roles for the technical school and school districts. There was a good discussion regarding dual enrollment. The parties covered details regarding land availability at the technical school. Dr. Pierce was an enjoyable person to meet with and he seems very knowledgeable about the tasks and opportunities for the community college.

Advisory Committees Meeting. The dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 11 went very well. Attendance included about 70 business and industry representatives and 30 faculty and staff. The director attended the Health Assistant program meeting to get the group's perspective on student certification. There was also some discussion about alternative sites for training.

Board Visit. It was our pleasure to host the Girard School District Board of Directors for a dinner and work session on Monday, March 10. A tour of the campus was conducted after dinner. The board then met for a work session. Thanks to Bob Heath, Girard's ECTS representative, for suggesting and coordinating the event.

High Performing CTC Recognition Program. The PDE Bureau of Career and Technical Education has started a program to recognize 'high performing' career and technical centers. The program involves an application based on a self-review, and if the application scores high enough, an on-site review. ECTS administrators and staff are reviewing the application with the intention of submitting the same for consideration as a 'high performing' CTC. The application is due to PDE by April 30, 2008.

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

- *ECTS Budget Overview*, Northwestern School District, Finance Committee; with Patrick Kelly, Paul Sachar, Sam Ring and other board members and administrators; March 6
- *Public Community College Meeting*; Erie, Blasco Library; March 11
- *ECTS Occupational Advisory Committees Meeting*, ECTS; March 11
- *County-level Workforce Development Meeting*, Intermodal Center; March 12
- *Community College Meeting*; ECTS; with Dr. David Pierce, David Van Amburg, Sandra Myers and James Bucksbee; March 12
- *Meet & Discuss*, ECTS; with ECTS Federation of Teachers officers and administrative staff; March 12

- *County Courts Continuity Planning*; with Tom Aaron, District Court Administrator; Luigi Pasquale, Director of Purchasing, Erie County; Paul Fritz and Steve Sceiford; March 17
- *ECTS Budget Overview*; Millcreek Education Center; with Dr. Dean Maynard, Frank Szallay and Deborah Strum; March 18
- *Eggs & Issues, Lead Economic Development Team*; a monthly event hosted by the Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania; March 19
- *Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership*, full membership meeting; Bayfront Convention Center; March 27
- *2008 Patrick R. Locco Reception*; recognition of student nominees and award winner; Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania; March 27