

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report

May 2008

Enrollment Review. Per an administrative procedure for Board Policy 126, the superintendents and joint operating committee review applications and enrollments in April and May. At the May Professional Advisory Council meeting, the superintendents recommended no changes in program staffing based on the enrollment review. The 2008-2009 May Enrollment report is included in the supplemental section of the agenda.

Dual Enrollment. The director met with Bill Hallock, Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Applied Technology at the Clarion University, Venango Campus to discuss dual enrollment agreements. Clarion has 24 associate degree programs that are open to dual enrollment for ECTS students. Dual enrollment agreements allow students to receive college credit while enrolled in a high school program or class. The director is working with third-party providers, linked with Clarion's programs, to define the agreements.

Committed to Excellence Grant. The Bureau of Career & Technical Education is making the CTE grant available again for next year. Jan Kennerknecht and the director are creating action plans and a budget for the grant. ECTS is eligible for up to \$75,000 based on the number of districts we serve. The grant focuses on developing 'programs of study' and creating an assessment tool that measures the performance of programs. The CTE grant is competitive.

Community College. County Council Chairperson Joe Giles hosted a second meeting of the steering committee for the community college. There were reports on recent activity including meetings with PDE staff. The steering committee also provided input into a mission statement for the proposed community college.

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

- *Career Alternative Education Program, Planning Meeting;* with Sarah A. Reed Children's Center representatives Rick Scantlebury, Rob Freeman and Tracy Fisher; and Paul Fritz; April 28
- *Tech Prep Consortium Meeting;* I.U. 5; with area CTE administrators to discuss Tech Prep grant proposal
- *Erie County Public Safety Building Tour;* with Joe Weindorf, Erie County Public Safety Director, April 30
- *Northwest Pennsylvania STEM Meeting;* regional planning meeting for science, technology, engineering and mathematics initiative; April 30
- *Knox Law Symposium;* Ambassador Conference Center, May 6
- *Dual Enrollment Planning Meeting;* with Bill Hallock, Clarion University—Venango; May 7
- *Professional Unit Early-bird Contract Meeting;* May 7
- *Tech Prep Consortium Grant Planning Meeting;* I.U. 5; May 12

- *Community College Update*; Iroquois School District Board of Directors; May 12
- *County-level Workforce Development Meeting*, Intermodal Center; May 13
- *Community College Meeting*, Steering Committees; Erie County Courthouse, May 13
- *Meet & Discuss*, ECTS; with ECTS Federation of Teachers officers and administrative staff; May 14
- *Northwest Pennsylvania STEM Meeting*; I.U. 5; May 16
- *Bayfront Maritime Center Visit*; with Rich Eisenberg and Joe Cuzzola to discuss opportunities for collaboration; May 19
- *Professional Unit Early-bird Contract Meeting*; May 20