

**Erie County Technical School  
Director's Report  
November 2007**

**Budget Process.** Faculty and staff continue to contribute to the budget building process for 2008-2009. The details from each program and department are coming in, but the big picture has yet to come into focus. We hope to have a preliminary budget ready for the superintendents and JOC in December. This could lead to final approval of the 2008-2009 budget proposal by the JOC in January.

**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.

**Community College.** Three superintendents and the director will meet with Erie County Executive Mark DiVecchio on Tuesday, December 4 to discuss Mr. DiVecchio's community college plans and how the local school districts can play a role in the plan.

**PSSA Results.** PDE has created access rights for vocational directors that will enable them to review PSSA results for CTE students from participating school districts. The E-metric system has been down recently, so we have yet to see the types of PSSA data available. We hope the access rights will allow us to collect and analyze our students' PSSA results in a more timely and independent fashion. Our analysis of PSSA results has been a regular and informative practice.

**New Board Member Visits.** It has been my pleasure to host tours and mini-orientations for our new operating committee members. Maryann Frontino (North East) visited with us on October 29, Rob McGahen and Harbor Creek Superintendent Dr. Rick Lansberry toured the campus on October 31, and Andy Foyle (Fairview) took the *walk and talk* on December 19.

**Skill Center Renovation.** Discussions at recent superintendents' meetings have revolved around expanded programming and classroom/laboratory availability. Part of this discussion always involves the use and renovation of the Skill Center building. The director is reworking previous work done in planning for a Skill Center renovation to present to the superintendents. The intent of the presentation is to generate a vision for and a consensus on a renovation plan.

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

- *Employer Luncheon & Tour*, November 1; Snap-Tite, Inc., Gary Clark, Chief Financial Officer and Cindy Clark, Human Resources; with Elaine Shaffer, Rob Suprynowicz and Tracy Massello
- *Employer Luncheon*, November 7; Ridg-u-Rak, Inc., Rick Winschel and Judy Miller, North East School District; to discuss employer perspectives and expectations of workforce development system
- *Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, Annual Meeting*; Bayfront Convention Center, November 8

- *NOCTI Data Analysis Presentation*, Westmoreland County Community College, November 9; presented an in-service workshop on how faculty can analyze NOCTI data for program improvement; for the Westmoreland and Fayette Tech Prep Consortium; with Jan Kennerknecht
- *Pennsylvania Automotive Association, AYES Advisory Council and Statewide Meeting*, Hershey, November 12 and 13; to advise the association on the progress and development of the AYES program; with Dave Michalak
- *HealthCare Industry Partnership, Apprenticeship Subcommittee*, teleconference on November 14; to assist with the development of an apprenticeship program for the regional healthcare sector
- *Meet & Discuss*, November 16; a monthly meeting with federation officers and administrative staff to review labor-management issues