



**Joint Operating Committee Meeting
October 2007
School District Report**

1. New Board Member

The Joint Operating Committee welcomes Maryann Frontino as the new representative for the North East School District.

2. Transition Center—Special Education

The Operating Committee approved a revised lease agreement with participating school districts for the use of 4,800 square feet of space in the Skill Center building for a special education transition center. The revised lease calls for a three-year term.

3. Equipment Purchase

Based on the input from an industrial advisory committee, the Joint Operating Committee reinforced its commitment to manufacturing training by approving the purchase of four computerized numerical control (CNC) machining centers. The purchase includes three mills and one lathe for a purchase price of \$164,872. The Tool & Die laboratory now boasts eight (8) state-of-the-art CNC machining centers.

4. ECTS Foundation

The ECTS Foundation Board heard a presentation from Mike Batchelor, President of the Erie Community Foundation (ECF), on the merits of transferring the ECTS Foundation funds to the ECF. The foundation board is interested in a more vigorous approach to its planned giving and fund growth. The ECTS Foundation fund totals \$212,000. Previous activities of the foundation include scholarships and financial gifts to students in need.