



Joint Operating Committee Meeting September 2007 School District Report

1. Strategic Plan

The Joint Operating Committee approved the technical school's strategic plan. The plan has the following strategic goals:

- A. Play an integral role in creating a regional career and technical education system
- B. Elevate the public perception of the value and opportunity of technical education
- C. Develop programs that provide opportunities for students
- D. Provide student services and support to ensure success
- E. Provide and update facilities, equipment and technology to meet current and future needs
- F. Improve student performance in mathematics, reading and attendance

2. New Board Member

The Joint Operating Committee welcomes Rob McGahen as the new representative for Harbor Creek. The committee thanks Jack Wood, Harbor Creek School District, and Robert Boyd, North East School District, for their service to the operating committee.

3. Co-Enrollment of Adults

The operating committee is reviewing the viability of co-enrolling adults into the secondary programs. This strategic step has been under review for several years. The operating committee is forming a study team to further investigate the merits.

4. Transition Center—Special Education

The Operating Committee authorized a 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. All costs associated with the transition center will be covered by school districts that use the center.

5. Possible Property Sale

The sale of a 10-acre parcel located on Hamot Road is being considered by the committee. The parcel served as the school's water source in the 1970s, has been unused for many years, and has little potential use due to power lines that cross the property and the residential development nearby.

6. Fall Fest

The ECTS Fall Fest will be held on Wednesday, October 24. The open house provides an opportunity for potential students, their parents and the community to see the many excellent opportunities available through the career and technical education programs available at the technical school.

7. Grants

The technical school received two grants this fall. The grants included an \$84,000 equipment grant to help with the purchase of computerized numerical control machining stations. The other grant is a \$75,000 *Committed to Excellence* award to:

- A. Insist on high academic standards for all CTE programs, regardless of career field, economic conditions, or demographic characteristics
- B. Take steps to further integrate CTE with the broader secondary reform effort
- C. Ensure that Pennsylvania's workforce is well suited to the demands of the new economy, by connecting Career and Technical Education programs closely to business and industry needs and labor market trends
- D. Strengthen CTE programs significantly, and provide opportunities for youth and adults by strengthening links to postsecondary education