



**Joint Operating Committee Meeting
August 2008
School District Report**

1. New Principal

The Joint Operating Committee approved Joe Tarasovitch as the new principal at ECTS. Mr. Tarasovitch comes to ECTS from Walnut Creek Middle School where he served as assistant principal. He has an extensive background in secondary education, particularly in mathematics. At the time of this report, his start date has yet to be determined.

2. Land Usage Requests

The Joint Operating Committee discussed the two proposals for land usage at the Kenneth D. Frantz Educational Complex (ECTS site), one from the Pennsylvania State Police and the other about locating the proposed community college at the Frantz complex. The matter was referred to the Professional Advisory Council (superintendents) for additional discussion.

3. PSSA Performance of ECTS Students

An analysis of the 2007 PSSA results shows a slight improvement for the number of ECTS students proficient in mathematics. Over the last four years, the percentage of technical students who performed at the basic or below basic level has declined from 69% for the Class of 2005 to 64% for the Class of 2008. Results for reading were less encouraging. Over the same four-year period, after the percentage of students performing at the basic or below basic level held steady or declined to around 50%, the percentage for basic and below basic jumped to 56%.

The technical school is embarking on a technical assistance project, led by PDE, to improve the PSSA performance of CTE students. The project will focus on data analysis of transcripts and master schedules and professional development in mathematics and reading instructional practices.

4. Land Sale to Summit Township

The sale of 10.63 acres on Hamot Road to Summit Township has been finalized. The proceeds of the sale (\$37,000) have been received and placed in the capital account.