



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

1. Community College

The Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership and the Northwest Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center have *adopted* the planning process for the proposed community college. These two organizations have hired a consultant, the Clements Group of Salt Lake City, Utah, to research the need for a community college. The research initiative is known as Rethink Erie and is guided by a project manager, Judith Fagin. In early December, the superintendent of record and director participated in interviews conducted by Rethink Erie regarding regional economic development, workforce development and education issues and opportunities.

2. Special Education Transition Center

Under the guidance of Steve Sceiford and Chris Coughlin, the construction trades, facilities maintenance and networking programs continue to make progress on the construction of the center. The project is still on schedule to be completed this spring.

3. JOC Officers

At its reorganization meeting, the joint operating committee reappointed James Bucksbee, General McLane, as the chairperson and John Ogden, Fort LeBoeuf, as the vice-chairperson.