

**Erie County Technical School
Director's Report
February 2009**

Budget Process. The 2009-2010 budget proposal is making the rounds of the districts. To date, three districts have approved the budget. It appears most districts will be voting on the proposal in February.

Feasibility Study. Our work with Paul Abramson and Chris Coughlin continues. We have expanded the conversation to include classroom space planning, especially with the intent to add academic classes as an option at ECTS. We have invited Lamar Snyder, retired director of Bucks County Technical High School, to speak with the superintendents on March 6. Mr. Snyder led a building renovation and program change in 1999-2000 where BCTHS transformed from a half-day technical school to a full-day comprehensive technical school. Mr. Snyder should have some excellent insights into the change process.

Special Education Transition Center. The project is on schedule for completion this spring.

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

- *NWPA Tech Prep Meeting*; January 23, Meadville; with Jan Kennerknecht; participation in regional curriculum and instruction meeting
- *Employer Luncheon—Erie Regional Chamber*; January 28; with Doug Massey and Ashley Pelletier and Elaine Shaffer; to discuss potential working relationships
- *General McLane Recruiting Meeting*; January 30; with Alan Karns, Rick Scaletta and Jim Bucksbee; to discuss ECTS recruitment and retention as it relates to General McLane
- *Northwestern School District—ECTS Budget Presentation*; February 9
- *PACTA Symposium—Preparing Students for the Workforce of Tomorrow*; February 10 – 12, Hershey; PACTA officer and conference presentations
- *Technical Assistance Project, Feedback Meeting*; February 12, Hershey; meeting with Bureau of Career and Technical Education staff and other technical schools regarding the success of the project
- *County-level Workforce Development Meeting*; February 10, ECTS; an interagency meeting focused on county workforce development issues
- *Employer Luncheon—Manufacturers and Business Association*; February 18; with Rory O'Donnell, MBA, and Elaine Shaffer
- *Technical Assistance Project—Master Schedule Analysis*; February 19, Pittsburgh PaTTAN; with Patty Palo and Kim Dawson; to receive training on a technique to assist students with academic achievement
- *Fort LeBoeuf School Board Dinner Meeting*; March 5, ECTS