



**Joint Operating Committee Meeting  
February 2009  
School District Report**

**1. Student Satisfaction Survey**

As part of our commitment to the quality standards of ISO 9001:2000, our annual survey of high school student satisfaction was conducted in January. Over 600 students participated in the survey. Overall, students are pleased with the education they are receiving at the technical school. We are especially pleased that 94% of the respondents indicated to a good or great extent that they 'generally learn something in class.' Equipment in the laboratories and instructional materials also received positive ratings. As we plan for the 2009-2010 school year, we will pay attention to furniture which received a somewhat low rating.

**2. Budget Funding Formula**

After some discussion about inequities associated with 'per pupil' costs with the ECTS budget funding formula, the members of the JOC asked Superintendent of Record, Larry Kessler to commission a subcommittee of superintendents to study the funding formula and look for an alternative.

As background information, the Millcreek school board is genuinely concerned about the high per pupil cost. Millcreek pays over \$5,900 per student while other districts pay as little as \$3,700—all for the same 'product'. The high per pupil cost is a result of the difference between their participation at the tech school and the quota they are allotted.

The Millcreek school board is asking that the JOC review the funding formula (50% participation, 50% quota) to see if per pupil costs can be more equitable. If the 11 districts cannot reach an agreement on a new formula, then Millcreek has indicated they would consider withdrawing from the technical school. The soonest this could happen would be the 2010-2011 school year. The Millcreek board has expressed their respect for students currently enrolled in ECTS programs and for the other school districts that would be financially impacted by their withdrawal.