

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

Budget Process. The 2009-2010 Budget proposal has completed the rounds of the districts. Ten of the 11 districts approved the budget. As anticipated, Millcreek voted down the proposal.

Feasibility Study. The superintendents met with Paul Abramson, Chris Coughlin and Lamar Snyder, retired director of Bucks County Technical High School on March 6. The conversation included classroom space planning with the intent to add academic classes as an option at ECTS. The superintendents suggested we talk with superintendents from the districts that supported the renovation at Bucks County Technical High School about the impact on the local districts. We hope to schedule that discussion in early May.

Stimulus Funding. Paul Fritz and I have reviewed documents and participated in a PDE-sponsored webinar about the stimulus funding. It appears ECTS **will not** be able to access stimulus funding for building improvements and equipment purchases in the programs.

Academics at ECTS. As part of the feasibility study, we conducted a survey of our students on their interest in attending ECTS all day for both their technical and academic classes. The response was interesting in that 38% of the students indicated they would definitely be interested in taking their academic classes at ECTS. Another 34% indicated that they might be interested.

Funding Formula. The first meeting of the superintendents regarding the funding formula is scheduled for March 25. A verbal report on that meeting will be available for the March board meeting.

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:

- *Fort LeBoeuf School Board Dinner Meeting*; March 5, ECTS
- *Occupational Advisory Committee Dinner Meeting*, March 10, ECTS; about 120 employers attended the dinner meeting to advise our programs on curriculum, equipment and employment trends
- *Regional CTE Marketing Campaign*, March 11, Papa Advertising, Erie; with Neil Donovan, Director, Crawford County Career & Technical Center; and, Sherri Welsh, Coordinator, NWPA Tech Prep Consortium; to review a proposal to coordinate a marketing plan for CTCs across a seven-county region