

Funding Formula Plan
For the Erie County Technical School
Presented by
Erie County Superintendents

Presently, the funding formula for the Erie County Vocational Technical School is based on a 50%-50% formula; participation and ADM of each member school. This formula favors schools that send more than their quota of students and penalizes those schools that send fewer of their quota of students. (Presently...and historically....Fairview, Millcreek, General McLane, Fort LeBoeuf, and Iroquois school districts are “hurt” by this formula while Harbor Creek, Wattsburg, Union City, and North Western School Districts are favored by this formula. As well, presently, Girard and Northeast School Districts are neither harmed nor favored by this formula).

Having been faced with a Millcreek “pull out” the superintendents decided to look at this funding formula and have developed a compromise proposal to amend the funding formula for future years to maintain the consortium and continued flow of services to our collective students.

We propose a five-year phase-in of this plan to facilitate budgeting and scheduling changes that will affect member schools. The plan is as follows:

Year 1 2009-2010	Year 2 2010-2011	Year 3 2011-2012	Year 4 2012-2013	Year 5 2013-2014
50-50	60-40	70-30	80-20	100

We are also recommending that in year three we go to an “equal access of seats” rule for every member district. Since we are all paying the same price for each of our students to attend, we should all have the same quota of seats in each lab. Any school that doesn’t meet their quota in a given lab, or, if there are additional seats left over when the seats are evenly distributed, then those seats will go to students from member schools based on the previously agreed upon procedure—application review process.

ERIE COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL
RESOLUTION AMENDING
RESTATED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION

WHEREAS, several school districts have constructed an area vocational-technical school known as the Erie County Technical School and entered into the Erie County Vocational-Technical School Articles of Agreement for Operation, which were restated in July of 1991 and again in 1995 and amended in 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Restated Articles of Agreement for Operation provides and defines the Secondary Program District Contribution Formula for the Erie County Technical School; and

WHEREAS, the participating districts wish to amend the Restated Articles of Agreement of Operation by changing the Secondary Program District Contribution Formula from a Participation Share as a 50% factor and Quota Share as a 50% factor as defined in Article V(b) to a 100% Participation Share;

WHEREAS, the participating districts wish to phase in this change in the Secondary Program District Contribution Formula over a four-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. Funding Formula. The participating districts set forth in the Restated Articles of Agreement for Operation hereby approve a yearly revision to Article V to phase in a yearly change to the Secondary Program District Contribution Formula which reduces the Quota Share component by ten percent (10%) in years one (2010-2011) through three (2012-2013) and twenty percent (20%) in year four (2013-2014), thereby eliminating the Quota Share component in year four, and increases the Participation Share component by ten percent (10%) in years one through three and twenty percent (20%) in year four, thereby resulting in a Participation Share component of one hundred percent (100%) in year four.

2. Restated Articles of Agreement. The participating districts set forth in the Restated Articles of Agreement for Operation hereby approve a revised Article V effective at the end of the above-referenced yearly phase-in modification to Article V of the Secondary Program District Contribution Formula which shall provide as follows in regard to the Secondary Program District Contribution Formula:

ARTICLE V

A. Secondary Program District Contributions

The Joint Operating Committee shall approve a budget of actual proposed expenditures, balanced by identified sources of revenue for the fiscal year commencing July 1 and ending June 30. The financial level of support from all of

the participating districts shall be termed *Secondary Program District Contributions*.

B. Participant's Share

Each participating district's share of the *Secondary Program District Contributions* shall be based on the respective district's percentage share of the Vocational Average Daily Membership at the Erie County Technical School as of June 30, averaged for the three (3) most recent school years. This shall be termed *Participant's Share*.

C. Formula Application

Step #1 – Determine the *Secondary Program District Contributions* in the proposed budget. This amount represents the sum total financial support of the budget from all of the participating districts.

Step #2 – Multiply the *Secondary Program District Contributions* by each district's *Participant's Share*. This will represent each district's *Gross District Contribution* to the *Secondary Program District Contributions*.

D. Payments

The total of each participating district's financial support level for current expenses shall not differ from the amount calculated and budgeted for that fiscal year. The amount to be paid enables a participating district to minimally send its quota share of students. Unused quota slots shall be made available to other participating districts in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article VI, Section A. There shall be no additional assessment made to districts who send students in excess of their quota share during the current school year.

Each participating district will be provided a schedule of payments in July of each fiscal year calling for twelve (12) equal installments paid monthly in advance.

3. Quota System. The Participating Districts set forth in the Restated Articles of Agreement for Operation hereby approve a revised Article VI effective at the end of the second year (2011-2012) of the yearly phase-in as follows:

ARTICLE VI

A. Quota and Assignment of Pupils

A quota of forty-eight (48) students shall be established for each course offering. Each school district shall be allocated an equal share of the course quota proportional to the number of the Participating School Districts, provided that any unused part of a quota shall be made available to remaining school districts.

Selection of pupils shall be a cooperative effort by the administrator and guidance services of the Participating School Districts and the administrator and guidance services of the Area Vocational-Technical School provided that final decision as to assignment to the Area Vocational-Technical School shall rest with the district of residence of the pupil and final decision as to retention of a pupil in the Area Vocational-Technical School after one semester shall rest with the authorities of the Area Vocational-Technical School.

B. Tuition Students

Tuition students will be accepted into secondary vocational technical programs where vacancies exist after attempts to fill the slots with in-school youth from participating school districts have been exhausted. Tuition students may include in-school youth from other districts, out-of-school youth, and adults.

The tuition rate shall be established by the Operating Committee annually during the month of July.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the participating school districts hereinafter named have caused this Resolution to be executed in the names of their presidents and duly attested by their secretaries.

ATTEST:

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Secretary

BY_____
President

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FT. LEBOEUF SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GIRARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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HARBOR CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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UNION CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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