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August, 2008

Dr. Aldo Jackson
Erie County Technical School Foundation
8500 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Aldo,

The primary objective of The Erie Community Foundation Investment Policy Statement is to maintain, and enhance, the charitable purchasing power of endowed assets over time. Trustees retain an independent investment consulting firm to assist with the development of asset allocation models and spending policies. They also closely monitor investment manager performance against established benchmarks.

Enclosed you will find a statement for the Erie County Technical School Endowment for the 6 months ending June 30, 2008. Our overall pooled investment portfolio returned **-8.8%** for the calendar year. This follows **7.5%** and **15.9%** returns for the previous two years. All returns are presented **net of all investment fees**. Distributions in excess of spending policy, and other timing issues, impact the performance of individual funds.

You may be concerned – understandably. Please don't be.

No one can predict when and how the market will improve. Based on experience over the long term, including previous down markets, The Foundation remains confident the funds you have entrusted to us will continue to grow over time and will continue providing a steady stream of grants to help the causes important to you.

While The Foundation's assets are down for the first six months of this year, they have performed better than most of the major market indices:

S & P 500	down 11.9%
Russell 2000	down 9.4%
EAFE	down 11.0% (international equities)
Emerging Markets	down 11.8%

When markets recover, we expect your endowment to continue to outperform the market. Be assured that your endowment is in good hands. Should there be questions about our investment policy, do not hesitate to contact me or Barbara Sambrook, CPA, our chief financial officer at 814-454-0843.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Batchelor
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Erie County Technical School Endowment		Fund ID: Tech	Dr. Aldo Jackson
<i>Fund Statement: January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008</i>			Erie County Technical School Foundation
			8500 Oliver Road
			Erie, PA 16509

Detail

There were no contributions or grants during this statement period.

Fund Activity	
<i>Balance as of 01/01/2008</i>	<i>199,572.73</i>
Donor Contributions	0.00
Refund of Prior Year Grants	0.00
Investment Activity	
Interest & Dividends	1,866.25
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	-19,621.33
Realized Gains (Losses)	503.48
Disbursements	
Grants/Scholarships	0.00
Investment/Management Fees	738.87
Other Fund Expenses	0.00
<i>Balance as of 06/30/2008</i>	<i>181,582.26</i>