



Joint Operating Committee Meeting January 2010 School District Report

1. Budget Receives Approval

The ECTS budget has been approved by 10 of the 11 member school districts. While looking at historical quota/enrollment and budget data, the Millcreek Township School District tabled its motion on the budget at their January meeting.

2. Enrollment Projections

The operating committee received a presentation on county-wide enrollment projections and its implications for ECTS enrollments (see attachment). Collectively over the 11 member school districts, the high school population is projected to decrease by over 430 students through 2016. If the ECTS enrollment share remains consistent at 12%, the technical school's enrollment would drop over 120 students. This would have significant ramifications on programming and staffing. There are two sides to the enrollment share issue—recruitment and retention.

The technical school is working closely with a marketing consultant on recruitment strategies to raise the enrollment share. There is also an ad hoc committee of ECTS staff members working on guidance and advisement strategies to improve the retention of students that attend the technical school. The joint operating committee approved a resolution to monitor and support the recruitment and retention initiatives.

3. Admissions Policy Revised

The operating committee approved a revised admissions policy for high school students attending the technical school. The revised policy clarifies the qualifications needed to attend the school in the following manner:

In order to qualify as a pupil at the technical school:

- the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis at a participating school district; or
- be a student who is a special education student with an individualized education plan requiring attendance at the technical school; or
- be a student whose attendance at the technical school is fully subsidized by aid from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, tuition, or other source of funds.

Erie County Technical School District Enrollment Projections 2011 to 2016

**Stable Enrollment Share: 11.8%

