



**Joint Operating Committee Meeting
May 2010
School District Report**

JOC Welcomes New Member

The Operating Committee welcomed a new representative from Millcreek Township School District. Mr. John DiPlacido will fill the Millcreek seat, replacing Mr. Terry Scutella.

Recommendation to Reduce Staff in Five Programs

After two months of enrollment and application reviews by the Operating Committee and superintendents, the Professional Advisory Council (superintendents) recommended that the Operating Committee reduce staff in five programs due to declining enrollments from five years prior. The five programs were Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technologies, Computer Information Systems, Drafting & Design, and Electronics.

The Operating Committee dedicated its May work session to presentations by faculty members, business and industry representatives, parents and graduates regarding the reductions in staff. After the presentations, the Committee discussed the ramifications of staff reductions in these programs. The Committee decided to reject the recommendation of the Professional Advisory Council.

Concerns expressed by the Committee with the recommendation included the Committee's desire for overall program growth rather than reduction; to avoid a significant loss of opportunities for many students; to conduct a thorough investigation into the perceived decline in enrollments for all five programs; and, to consider an expanded rationale to alter or reduce programs beyond enrollments.

The Committee passed a successive motion ordering all five programs into the school's ISO 9001:2000 corrective action process. Monthly status reports of the corrective action process were included in the motion.