

**Erie County Technical School  
Director's Report  
December 2010**

**District Withdrawal from Consortium**

The sub-committee of superintendents studying this matter met on Friday, December 3 and again on Thursday, December 9. The sub-committee is still studying cost-reduction and revenue opportunities. The progress has been a little slower than the committee anticipated—the committee is making progress.

One question arising in the discussion about Millcreek withdrawing has been whether the other districts would approve their withdrawal. There is history on this matter. Union City withdrew in 1985. A review of ECTS board minutes from that period shows the board approving 'restated articles of agreement' that approved Union City's withdrawal, amongst other things. We asked each district to check their minutes for May and June of 1985 to see if the district boards approved the restated articles of agreement.

**2011-2012 Budget Preparations**

The administration has prepared a final draft of the 2011-2012 Budget. The superintendents reviewed a preliminary draft at their November meeting. We are pleased to present this zero-increase budget for the operating committee's review. We encourage operating committee members to review the ECTS 2011-2012 Budget proposal with their superintendent. Approval of the budget by the operating committee is planned for January.

**STAY Teams**

Six teams of faculty and staff continue to meet weekly to review the STAY students. Each week the teams review attendance, ECTS grades, home school grades, behavior and other factors.

**Guidance & Advisement**

A committee of staff members continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis to develop a campus-wide plan for the delivery of guidance and advisement services to all of our students. An effective guidance plan has been shown to improve the academic achievement of students. Guidance and advisement is a complex set of services including academic advising, career planning, personal and social development, post-secondary opportunities and transitions to the workforce.

We deliver the majority of our services in a reactive fashion, rather than from a proactive approach. An effective G&A plan should allow for the better delivery of these services and improved student achievement.

### **Season's Greetings**

Best wishes to the joint operating committee members and their families for an enjoyable holiday!

### **Director's Travel and Meetings**

The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- ❖ *District Withdrawal, Sub-Committee Meeting*; ECTS; December 3; sub-committee of superintendents to discuss withdrawal of Millcreek Township School District
- ❖ *Workforce Investment Board, Programmatic & Policy Committee Meeting*; Meadville; December 8; quarterly committee meeting; director will be serving as Chair of the committee
- ❖ *District Withdrawal, Sub-Committee Meeting*; ECTS; December 9; sub-committee of superintendents to discuss withdrawal of Millcreek Township School District