

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

Ch. 339 Approved Program Evaluation

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Career & Technical Education conducted its approved program evaluation of ECTS on September 28-30. The administrative staff has concerns with the audit process. At the preliminary audit exit conference, the audit team noted several items as 'not compliant,' where there was clear evidence the items were in compliance. There were other items with less clear evidence of compliance but were not noted as such by the audit team. The department of education should release its final audit report in December or January. Depending on what findings are in the final report, the director is considering appealing certain items.

District Withdrawal from Consortium

At the indication that Millcreek Township School District might withdrawal from the ECTS consortium, a sub-committee of superintendents met to discuss the implications of such a withdrawal. The sub-committee met on October 1, 2010 and asked for information relative to a) the Union City withdrawal in 1985, b) current enrollments by program and district, c) a budget projection without Millcreek, and d) enrollment projections with the declining high school population in Erie County.

The sub-committee met again on October 18, 2010 with Mr. Micheal Golde, superintendent of the Millcreek Township School District, to confirm Millcreek's intent and to ascertain likely timeframes. After meeting with Mr. Golde, the sub-committee created a list of possible responses to the enrollment and fiscal losses associated with a Millcreek withdrawal.

Sub-committee members include Dr. Michele Campbell, Fort LeBoeuf; Dr. Jim Tracy, Girard; Dr. Sam Signorino, Iroquois; Dr. Karen Downie, Northwestern; Dr. Rick Lansberry, Harbor Creek; and, Mrs. Sandra Myers, Union City.

STAY Teams

The kick-off of STAY teams occurred on October 18. Six teams of faculty and staff met to review students selected for the 'Staff Teams Assisting Youth' initiative. The small teams will meet on a weekly basis to monitor and plan for student enrollment success. STAY is one of the campuses three main priorities for the 2010-2011 school year.

Director's Travel and Meetings

The director's recent and scheduled meetings include:

- ❖ *Workforce Investment Board, Programmatic Policy & Analysis Committee Meeting*; via webinar; October 6; sub-committee of Workforce Investment Board
- ❖ *Occupational Advisory Committees Meeting*; ECTS; October 11; campus-wide meeting of advisory committees for each program, director attended the Drafting & Design committee meeting
- ❖ *NWPA Tech Prep Consortium*; Meadville; October 12; quarterly meeting of CTCs regarding regional Tech Prep initiative
- ❖ *2+2+2 Workforce Development Meeting*; Meadville; October 12; to finalize ECTS participation in this initiative and grant
- ❖ *Making Tours Count*; ECTS; October 15; a faculty meeting featuring our marketing consultant, Mark Perna, on how to have effective program tours by ninth graders from our participating school districts
- ❖ *ECTS Marketing Committee Meeting*; ECTS; October 15
- ❖ *District Withdrawal, Sub-Committee Meeting*; ECTS; October 18; sub-committee of superintendents to discuss withdrawal of Millcreek Township School District
- ❖ *NOCTI Data-Analysis Workshop*; State College; October 19; presentation to administrators and teachers from other CTCs about effective techniques to analyze NOCTI data for program improvement; with Jan Kennerknecht