

**Joint Operating Committee
April 2012 Meeting
School District Report**



1. 2012-2013 ECTS Budget Approved by JOC

The JOC approved the 2012-2013 ECTS Budget with a 10-1 vote (Millcreek dissenting). The budget represents \$6,144,771 in General Fund expenditures. This is a decrease of 4.5% from the prior year's budget. District contributions total \$3,643,946, also down 4.5%. Eight of the eleven participating school districts will contribute less than they did in 2011-2012.

2. Act 93 Compensation Plan

The Operating Committee approved a one-year Act 93 Compensation Plan for its administrators and business manager. The plan includes a pay freeze for 2012-2013, an employee co-pay toward the health insurance premium, and other compensation adjustments. Overall, the new plan reduced expenses for 2012-2013 by over \$40,000.

3. Gas Industry Training

After a presentation by the Institute for High Priority Occupations (IHPO) regarding gas industry technician training, the Operating Committee approved a two-year training agreement with IHPO to partner with the Regional Career & Technical Center to provide a 160-hour program. The intent is to start the training program in the fall of 2012. The training program provides job opportunities related to the Marcellus Shale and Utica Shale oil and gas exploration and production industry.