

March 15, 2012

Joint Operating Committee,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your inquiry as to what we would recommend in regards to staffing at the Erie County Technical School. After reviewing the same staffing and enrollment data presented to you at your last workshop, we unanimously recommend following the Director's suggestion of reducing 1/2 teacher in the Network Technologies Program, 1/2 teacher in the Drafting and Design program and 1 full teacher in the Construction Trades.

To meet the financial constraints placed on our budgets by the current governor, we feel that significant reductions have been made and will continue to be made in many of our sending districts. Although recommendations to do the same at the Tech school have been considered, no reduction in staff occurred in either 2010-2011 or 2011-2012.

It is our feeling that the alteration of the Construction Trades program to a "one - teacher" lab will both save money and yet retain a viable program. The reduction in the Networking Program merely matches the size of the program with the numbers of students involved. The reduction in the Drafting and Design program allows those currently involved to finish, but will also allow for the phasing out of this program. Currently, many of the sending districts are already providing this programming for their students.

Given that the Director was asked to go through the budget to cut operating expenses by 5%, these staff reductions will be necessary to reach this \$300,000 goal. The "net" savings of these three reductions will be approximately \$116,000.

We appreciate your asking for and considering our recommendations in this process. Thank you for your hard work in this difficult task.

Sincerely,



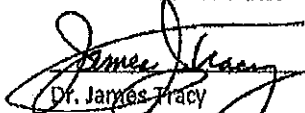
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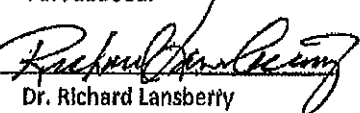
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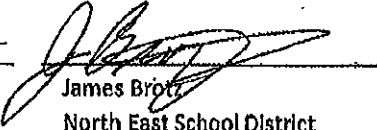
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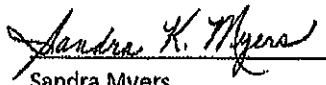
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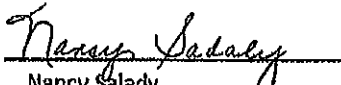
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