

2015 – 2017 Biennium Optional Budget Considerations

Optional Budget Enhancement Package

Increase Access to CTE

Re-establish State's Share of CTE Funding

Increase the State's share of support for CTE to 1984 levels - 40% for comprehensive schools and 50% for Area Centers. Current state support is 27% and 40% respectively. Through budget reductions of the 1980's, 1990's and 2000's the rate of reimbursement to schools for approved CTE programs declined to a low of 24% in 2004, rebounding to the current level of 27%. This will provide schools additional funding to recover more of the costs associated with traditionally higher cost CTE programs. It will solidify demand in schools to offer CTE programs that match student interest and state workforce needs. Additionally it will level the funding between all programs and courses.

Total **\$8,570,000**

New and Expanded Programs

To meet the demand for new and expanding programs which build access to CTE programming in more schools and for more students.

Total **\$700,000**

Update CTE Equipment

Make available one time funding to update CTE equipment in approved CTE programs across the state. We would propose a 25% match of funds from sources other than Perkins or CTE State Funds. A portion of the funds will be used to provide "CTE Access Grants" for the delivery of traditionally hard to deliver Auto Tech, Construction or Welding, modeled after a successful pilot of distance delivered Welding. Funding would not be used for computer labs. I received equipment "wish lists" from both secondary and two year campuses that are reflected in this amount.

Total **\$3,500,000**

Workforce Training (TrainND)

To provide TrainND an increase to meet the inflationary "cost to continue". The current \$3,000,000 level of funding was provided in 2007 with no increases since that time. It also would provide \$250,000 to each of the regions to increase awareness of services, create new training programs and purchase needed software and equipment. Costs cover the infrastructure/administration of TrainND. The cost of actual training is covered through training fees.

Total **\$2,000,000**