

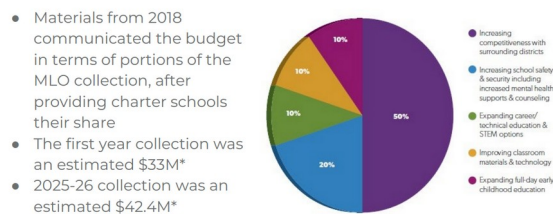


How Will Jeffco Use CTE Funding?

By pandering to the community and creating a principals slush fund. Read on:

- Jeffco says that \$10 million of the \$73 million general Mill Levy Override (MLO) will be used for Career and Technical Education (CTE). On the surface, that sounds great. We all know that K-12 schools have not always provided alternatives to general education and the college pathway. Using money for CTE purposes also polls well, so well that Jeffco used it as a selling point for the 2018 MLO. Due to inflation, the amount designated for CTE purposes from that MLO is now over \$4 million annually. Nice, right?

2018 MLO Budget



- Wrong. Jeffco can't account for where or how that 2018 MLO money is being spent. And that's not all of the CTE funding going into our schools. Other sources include a 19% reimbursement from the state for CTE FTE, a \$475,000 Perkins grant, and Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) state funding. Since 2017, each high school has received an additional \$115,000 annually in Alternative Pathways funding added to their Student Based Budgeting (SBB) calculation. So what is all of that money being used for? What is it achieving for students?

Current CTE and Career Connected Funding

- CTE and WBL FTE are funded via SBB at the school level
- Jeffco receives a state reimbursement for a portion of CTE costs via the Career and Technical Act
 - 100% pushed back to school budgets to offset costs
 - State proration rate continues to drop, lowering reimbursement rates
 - 24-25: ~19% reimbursement per CTE FTE
- Jeffco receives ~\$475,000 annually in Perkins funding to support equipment and resources for High School CTE programming.
 - ~160 total high school programs, including Warren Tech
 - Must follow all federal grant guidelines
- General Fund and Prior MLO provides stipends for educators, Middle School CTE resources and equipment, and Warren Tech Programming
- New PWR state funding will be outcomes based - more certs, college credit and WBL our students have, the more funding we get from CDE

- With a new \$10 million ask for CTE, it's important to ask what this funding be used for. There is a 1,400-student wait list for the Warren Tech campuses. It would make sense to open another campus at one of the closed schools. Instead, Jeffco plans to divide up the money and dole it out to principals, with no plan to measure funding effectiveness or continuity of programs.
- This CTE money request is nothing but pandering to voters, and will create a large, unaccountable slush fund for principals with no way to measure its effectiveness.

Until Jeffco can define exactly what new programs will be initiated and how results can be measured, the vote must be NO.