

**Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA)**  
**Homedale School Board Briefing**  
**December 14, 2015**

1. PTE positive placement rates for 2014 graduates, calculated in February, 2015, were exceptional:

		<u>Ave Wage</u>
Automotive Technology	100%	\$12.00/hour+
Building Trades	no concentrators in 2014	
Commercial Welding	89%-	\$11.57/hour+
Diesel Technology	100%	\$10.17/hour-
Health Occupations (CNA)	91.7%+	\$10.23/hour+
Health Occupations (EMT)	83%	\$8.38/hour+
Pre-Engineering	100%	all in college/military

Immediate Economic Impact by 2014 PTE Graduates **Total = \$392,558.40+**

2. COSSA Academy **graduated 36+** students in May, 2015 (brings average to 28 per graduating class).

3. COSSA (103= total employees) currently serve:

83= students attended summer school – **16-** were from Homedale = **19.3%-**

128+ students in COSSA Academy – **38+** were referred **from Homedale = 29.7%+**

178+ students in the PTE programs – **24- from Homedale = 13.5%-**

<b>0=</b> Building Trades	<b>3-</b> Diesel	<b>3+</b> Culinary Arts
<b>0=</b> Pre-engineering	<b>7-</b> Welding	<b>0=</b> Early Childhood Ed
<b>4-</b> Intro to Health, <b>0+</b> CNA, <b>4+</b> EMT	<b>2+</b> Auto	<b>1-</b> Intro Auto/Diesel

632- students in Spec Ed and G/T – **168+ from Homedale = 26.6%+**

4. COSSA costs Homedale: **\$146,748=** for PTE = **27.31%-** of the PTE budget charged to districts  
**\$519,204-** for Special Ed = **27.5%+** of the SE budget charged to districts

We estimate it would cost **\$922,304=** for Homedale to operate her own Spec Ed program

5. Last year's issues - resolved

a. Culinary program housed in Wilder kitchen did not work out – returned to CRTEC Kitchen

6. This year's opportunities

a. \$45K in grants received so far this year – doing our part to help fund COSSA  
b. Residential Construction is back in operation. Culinary Arts is accepting consortium students.

7. This year's concerns

a. CRTEC - 4-day schedule. SDE has stated they will no longer waive the 60 hour per credit requirement.  
b. Started year with 130 students in Academy – means we will probably end the year at 150 (18:1 student/teacher ration when we are supposed to be at 12:1).  
c. *Joki v. West Ada* – possible impact on PTE fees.  
d. Division of PTE changing course requirement for CNA and EMT – possible longer program of study.

8. Future

a. New method of "holding" Level II and Level III spots in PTE programs agreed to by Counselors.  
b. Architectural drawings for future expansion of COSSA Academy being reviewed.