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IMESD District Board Talking Points

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Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! As this document is being written, the legislature is still in session. It is likely the K-12 number will fall at \$7.4 billion, but extra dollars will be provided for CTE programs. A summary of proposals in Ways and Means is as follows:

CTE Expansion: This package increases the State's investment in CTE and STEM programs. A number of program enhancements are included in this budget including:

- An increase of \$2.2 million General Fund for **Regional STEM Hubs**, bringing the total for this program to \$5.0 million. These Hubs provide regional partnerships to connect students with industry including internships, mentorships and programs designed to assist in the transition from school to work.
- The establishment of a \$4.75 million General Fund **STEM Innovation Grant** program which is to lead to expanding computer science and engineering related programs in K-12 and increase access to out-of-school STEM programs.
- **The Career Pathway Fund** is established with \$8.75 million to provide incentives to school districts for developing programs to increase the number of students earning industry-recognized credentials (**Note: Moneys from the Career Pathway Fund must be distributed to each school and public charter school in the school district based on the number of students enrolled at the school with the following characteristics:** a) *Students who are enrolled in and earned three or more credits for courses that are part of a career and technical education program that can lead to high wage and high demand jobs and that are approved by ODE;* b) *Students who acquire an industry credential that can lead to a high wage and high demand job and that is approved by ODE;* c) *Students who are also historically underserved, as defined by the State Board of Education by rule).*
- A \$1.75 million **CTE Summer program** is created for middle and high school students with access to advanced equipment, post-secondary connections and industry professionals.

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- The **Statewide Teacher Development and Mentoring program** is funded with \$1.1 million which will provide grants and funding for projects and services such as setting up STEM/CTE related teacher training programs, funds for statewide Mobil 3D Maker Space training for students and teachers, funding for training teachers who can also be mentors, and advisors for those adding or expanding STEM and CTE programs in schools.
- To provide **start-up funding for post-secondary programs in high demand fields**. \$2.0 million is appropriated. These fields include health sciences, computer science, engineering, high tech manufacturing, precision agriculture, and advanced food processing. Up to 10% of the funding is for wrap-around services to recruit and support students of color and women.
- **Career Technical Student Organizations** will be strengthened and expanded by an investment of \$750,000.
- A \$121,000 **pilot program is funded to allow schools to award core academic credit for CTE** courses that rely heavily on core subjects.
- **CTE Revitalization grants** will be funded at \$9.0 million. Funding for an **“Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology”** program is set at \$500,000.