

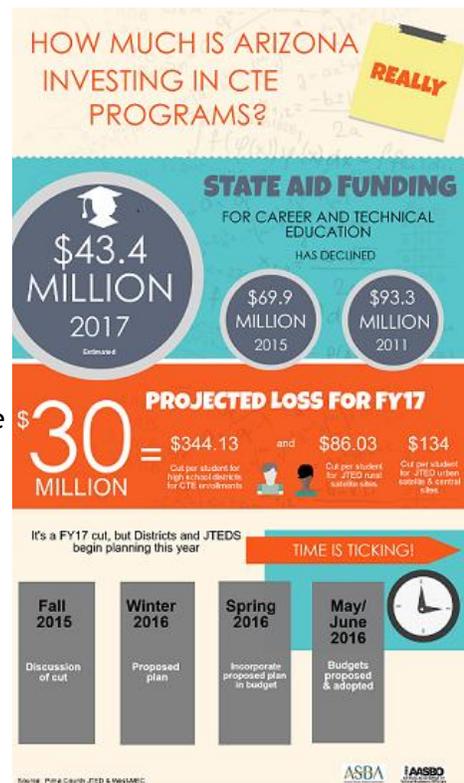


Dear Camille,

A \$30 million cut to Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) and their partner school districts that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) is scheduled to go into effect in FY17. The FY17 budget has not been finalized, but conversations are happening now. **Let Governor Ducey and your legislators know how vital these programs are for both our students and our economy!**

**WHY CTE/JTED PROGRAMS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ARIZONA:**

- CTE/JTED programs are necessary to help fill the nation's 2.5 million middle-skill level jobs of the future.
- Over 90,000 high school students in Arizona are enrolled in CTE programs.
- CTE/JTED programs are proven to significantly increase test scores, improve high school graduation rates, and move students to careers and college with greater success than any other model of education.
- CTE/JTED students have a 98% high school graduation rate.
- CTE/JTED students are able to earn more, pay income taxes sooner, and have more disposable income than their peers.
- Arizona's budget permanently cuts the funding mechanism for JTEDs, which was overwhelmingly supported by voters living in more than 100 school districts across the state.
- Satellite programs, or partner school districts, which serve 90% of CTE/JTED students in Arizona, will lose 50% of their funding starting in the 2016-2017 school year.
- These latest planned cuts will eviscerate CTE/JTED programs, resulting in a loss of teachers, CTE/JTED students, and the end of economic opportunities.



**E-mail** the Governor and your legislators today to tell them “No more cuts to education - enough is enough!” Put back the \$30 million for JTEDs and CTE programs in next year’s budget! Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

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