

To: Board of Education

From: Patrick Kelly, Director of Career and Technical Education

Re: FY2019 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act Grant

Date: May 21, 2018

Background:

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 was designed to improve and expand services for students enrolled in career and technical education programs. The Act defines Career and Technical Education programs as organized educational activities that offer a sequence of progressive courses composed of both academic and technical content. These courses are intended to prepare students for further education and careers in current or emerging employment sectors of high skills, high wage or high demand occupations. The courses include competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills of students.

Each eligible secondary school requesting funding from the 2006 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act must submit an application to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). The application describes to KSDE what the district plans to do to improve career and technical education in the district over the next five years, how decisions were arrived upon, and how the plan to go about implementing and evaluating the improvements. The initial plan was a 5 year plan. After 2011 each subsequent year allows for revisions and updates.

This years allocation for the USD 497 Carl Perkins grant is \$87,371. This is an increase of \$6,665 from last year's allocation.

Rationale:

The USD 497 Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Five Year Plan (and subsequent revisions and updates) was created through a collaborative process. In 2010, there were 125 community members and 15 Career and Technical Education staff members who completed the 2010 USD 497 CTE/Perkins Needs Assessment. Those on-line assessments were followed with meetings with staff (including counselors) at both high schools and with building and district administration. Data from those meetings, as well as requests submitted by teachers, building and district administration were included in developing the FY2012 grant. In 2012 another online needs assessment was completed by staff and the public. The FY2013 was developed based on that needs assessment as well as requests submitted by teacher, building and district administration and improvement plans developed by Career Pathway advisory boards.

In 2013 another needs assessment was conducted. For the FY2019 grant we used the needs assessment completed as part of the KESA process. Beginning in 2014 and

continuing in subsequent years each pathway advisory committee was required to create a 3-year improvement plan with teacher input. Those plans, along with the work of the USD 497 Board of Education, Career and Technical Education teachers building principals and district administration, provided the input for the FY2019 Carl Perkins grant.

Attached you will find a summary of the activities that will be supported, based on the input outlined above, through the FY2019 Perkins Grant for USD 497. You will also find a copy of the entire Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Improvement Act Grant including revision to the 5 year plan.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act Grant for FY2019 for submission to the Kansas Department of Education.

Motion:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act Grant for FY2018 for submission to the Kansas Department of Education."