



# THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT EFE 100

## DIRECTORS REPORT - MARCH 2026

Highlight progress toward system goals, including expanding equitable access to high-quality CTE programs, aligning pathways with local labor market needs, increasing work-based learning opportunities, and strengthening industry and community partnerships. This section should focus on the most significant activities and outcomes that advance student preparation for in-demand careers and support the workforce needs of Will and Grundy Counties.

### REGIONAL OVERVIEW

- [On-going Program Tours](#)
- CIP, SIS, and Program Database creation - **PDR/CLNA and SIS Meetings by April 15th**
- Will and Grundy County Regional WBL Inventory and Partner Development
- Elementary and Middle School Experience Development
- JJC and TREES Partnership

### UPCOMING PRIORITIES

- CIP Review with programs - February and March
- Continued work on Amendments per subgrantee needs
- [Building the Future: TREES Pathways to Skilled Trades](#)
- Bi-monthly updates to region leaders
- **Advisory schedule for FY 27**
- Regional WBL Communication for various stakeholders and middle school opportunities

### ISBE UPDATES

- [LNA and CLNA timelines](#) - **March 31st**
- [CTE Leadership Site](#)
- Programs of Study Submitted to ISBE - Manufacturing and Information Technology

### ISBE GRANT STATUS

#### FY 26 CTEIG

- Revenue - \$3,182,459
- Expenditures - \$ 3,056,152

#### FY 26 Perkins

- Revenue - \$790,513
- Expenditures - \$878,484

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ITEMS

- [TREES System Director Recommendation](#)
- FY 26 - \$9,750, FY27 \$9,750 plus travel expenses

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FY 26 REVIEW

- **CTE Network**
    - November - Introduction Session - 14 Participants
    - January - SPED and CTE - 22 participants
    - March - EL and CTE -10 Participants
  - **Regional WBL Leaders Group**
    - WILCO, GAVC, Joliet Township, Reed Custer, Lockport, Plainfield, Lemont
  - Middle School and Elementary Leadership Group
    - Valley View, Reed Custer, GAVC, Channahon, Plainfield, Coal City, Braceville
  - Counselor Trades Experience - April 15<sup>th</sup> - 31 Participants Registered
  - **Peer to Peer PD**
    - A + I - 8 Participants
    - AI Generated Jewelry - 18 Participants
    - Beyond the Likes and Follows - 11 participants
- Key PD Takeaways**
- **Strong regional engagement:** 9 schools represented across the TREES region.
  - **Largest session: CTE Network** - 22 participants.
  - **Consistent participation:** Lockport Township .
  - **Multi-district involvement:** Valley View, Minooka, Coal City, Plainfield, Lincoln-Way, and Wilco Career Center all participated.

## TREES GRANT PROCESS FY 27

- TREES End of Year Allocation Timeline and Forms
  - **EOY Grant Allocation Requests**
  - Submit by April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Reviewed by P&CC on May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Review by Administrative Council on May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Approved by TREES Director by May 21st
- FY 27 Grant Process
  - Language adjustments
  - **Budget Sheets**
  - School Inventory Systems

## MIDDLE SCHOOL/ ELEMENTARY GRANTS

- **Middle School/Elementary Grant Process**
  - Elementary School Grant Guidelines
  - Budget Tracking
- **Regional Opportunities**
  - **TREES Regional Career Discovery Day - November 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**
  - **Regional Interest and Survey Participants**

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