



THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT EFE 100

DIRECTORS REPORT - MAY 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

- CIP, SIS, and Program Alignment
- Will and Grundy County Regional WBL Inventory and Partner Development
- Elementary and Middle School Experience Development
- JJC and TREES Partnership

UPCOMING PRIORITIES

- **PDR, CIP, and ISCS Review with programs in both counties**
- Continued work on TREES Grant Process and transparency with regional leaders
- Bi-monthly updates to region leaders
- **Advisory schedule for FY 27**
- Regional WBL Communication for various stakeholders and middle school opportunities
- WBL Opportunities and Partnership Development - **Summer WBL Coordinator Stipend**
- **Closing out FY 26 on time - District/Center Checklist**

ISBE GRANTS AND UPDATES

PDR/ Local Needs Assessment

- PDR needs Career Center CIPs
- Section 4 Regional Narrative
- PDR due May 15th

FY 27 Grant Budget Sheets - Due May 30th

- TREES Grant Cheat Sheet

TREES End of Year Allocation Timeline and Forms

- EOY Grant Allocation Requests
- Submit by April 30th
- Review by TREES Leadership by May 20th
- Approved by TREES Director by May 22nd

Middle School/Elementary Grant Process

- Elementary School Grant Guidelines
- Budget Tracking
- Regional opportunities
- **ECD FY27 Grant Sessions**
 - May 15th 9am-10am
 - May 20th 9am-10am

FY 26 CTEIG

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

FY 26 Perkins

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ITEMS

- HYA Strategic Planning Approval
- Grant Recommendations

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Key FY 26 PD Takeaways

- **Strong regional engagement:** 9 schools represented across the TREES region.
- **Largest session: CTE Network SPED** - 22 participants.
- **Consistent participation:** Lockport Township .
- **Multi-district involvement:** Valley View, Minooka, Coal City, Plainfield, Lincoln-Way, and Wilco Career Center all participated.
- PD Survey sent out for FY27
- **CTE Network FY27**
 - **Work-Based Learning**
 - **Special Education**
 - **All Special Populations**
 - **AI**
- Regional WBL
 - **Fall Partner Breakfast and Engagement**
 - WBL Communications
 - 6th Grade Career Discovery Day
- Middle School and Elementary Leadership Group
 - Valley View, Reed Custer, GAVC, Channahon, Plainfield, Coal City, Braceville
- **Counselor Group**
 - May 18th at 1pm
 - May 20th At 1pm

FY27 Planning - Guided by Perkins Indicators and CTEI

- Peer to Peer Presentations
- Entrepreneurship Across the Curriculum
- Math, Science, and Reading in CTE
- Trades Math
- CTE Learn

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Focus on all stakeholder levels

- **Legislators**
 - **Senator Cappel and Representative Avelar met with students at the Capitol**
 - **TREES Leaders met with Rep. Underwood, Senator Duckworth, and Senator Durbin**
 - **K12 Appropriations CTE Advocacy**
- **JJC Leaders in Administration and Departments**
 - **TREES Meeting with Dr. Namuo for an update and shared work ahead**
 - **Coordinating JJC/TREES Advisories for FY 27**
- **Regional Office of Education**
 - **CTE Network Planning** - Will and Grundy
- **Middle School Partners**
 - **6th Grade Career Discovery Day - November 5th**
 - **Junior Achievement Sessions**
- TREES Regional Career Discovery Day - November 5th 2026
- Regional Interest and Survey Participants

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