

System Updates –

Fiscal – September 18, 2014 As of today we are owed \$848,835 in state funds. This is our July, August, and September CTEI funds. I anticipate receiving our first payment within the next month.

A **reminder** to P&CC members – If you have not already done so, please share information pertaining to your CTSOs and certifications available at your school with Iris. I will be putting this on our web site and as mentioned, the certificates have become an integral piece of some legislative discussions.

Resource:

Will County In Demand Jobs - Thanks to Tammi Conn for sharing the attached sheet highlighting the high-growth jobs in the Will County region.

Articles of Interest - There seems to be growing recognition and coverage of the fact that we need to rethink education policy and design it to meet the needs of our work force. Here are 3 recent reads.

Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich says “College is a Ludicrous Waste of Money” - How do you really feel Secretary Reich?

http://www.salon.com/2014/09/03/robert_reich_college_is_a_ludicrous_waste_of_money_partner/

From the Washington Post - Sally can't find a job – a cautionary tale about choosing a major and the importance of technical skills with a nod to the value of community colleges

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/she-the-people/wp/2014/09/05/why-sally-cant-get-a-good-job-with-her-college-degree/>

A recent Wall Street Journal article (you must subscribe if you want to read the entire article) entitled “For Some Graduates, College is Not Worth the Debt” starts this way – “Roughly a quarter of college graduates with jobs are earning barely more than those with only a high-school diploma, stoking debate about whether too many Americans are sinking into too much student debt with too little to show for it.”

http://online.wsj.com/news/article_email/for-some-graduates-college-isnt-worth-the-debt-1409803261-1MyQjAxMTA0MDAwODEwNDgyWj