



THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT EFE 100

DIRECTORS REPORT - AUGUST 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.

TREES FY27: PRIORITIES IN ACTION

- Fiscal efficiency and regional strategic alignment
- Regional Partnerships and Engagement
- Professional Development focused on high quality instruction and Perkins indicators
- Secondary and Postsecondary pathways

LOCAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

- [Program Data Review - Grundy County and Will County](#)
- [Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment - Executive Summary/ Full CLNA/ PSD202 Presentation](#)
 - Strong CTE outcomes: 6 of 9 Perkins targets met; dual credit grew 23%.
 - Pathways are expanding: Manufacturing, IT, Healthcare, and Skilled Trades remain priorities.
 - Access & capacity matter: Instructor, facility, transportation, and cost barriers remain.
 - Regional Advisories in many programs: Business and IT specifically
 - FY27-28 focus: Equity, academic outcomes, industry partnerships, and career pathways.

GRANTS AND FISCAL UPDATES

[CTE Application 27 Goals](#)

[Perkins Indicators Averages FY 23-25](#)

[CTE Equipment Inventory Roll out](#)

[Middle School/Elementary Grant Process](#)

- [Elementary School Grant Guidelines](#)
- Budget Tracking
- Regional opportunities

TREES Fiscal Snapshot				Factors: CTE Enrollment Illinois' Budget FY 27 Plan: • Program Reviews with All Directors - October and November • Continued Legislative involvement and inclusion in regional programs • Funding Formula updates Here
Year	CTEI	Perkins Districts	Perkins ACC	
2027	\$3,820,188	\$838,132	\$527,657	
2026	\$3,820,188	\$953,289	\$264,290.46	
2025	\$3,683,427	\$931,851	\$173,619	

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Learning Experiences

- Next Level Book Study
- CTE Learn Course Completion

Leading in CTE Workshops (Leaders or Teachers)

- Neurodiversity: Designing Learning for Every Brain
- Entrepreneurship Across the Curriculum
 - Spots for all districts and centers

Regional Advisories

- **Building the Future: Student to Apprenticeship**
- **Business and Entrepreneurship**
 - **October 21st - Hybrid 7:30am-9am**
- **FY28 Information Technology**

Professional Learning Groups

- **CTE Network**
- **Regional WBL Group**
- **6th Grade Day Planning Committee**
- Middle School and Elementary Leadership Group
 - Career Guides in Development
- **Counselor Network**
 - CISCO Guides
 - TREP Manufacturer Day
 - Regional Meeting - September 23rd - 10am

WBL Stipends Available

- Plumbers Supervisor - October - December
- WBL Coordinator Summer 27

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **Employer and Partner Breakfast - September 29th**
 - Work-based learning overview
 - Highlight positive partnership
 - How can you join the work
- 6th Grade Career Day: Day of Volunteers, Exhibitors, Occupational Speakers
 - **Current List** / **Flyer** / **Link to Registration**
- **Regional Advisories**
 - **Local Businesses**
 - **Local Chambers**

CAREER CONNECTED EXPERIENCES

- **Building the Future - Future of STA**
 - **Plumbers Bridge Program**
- **Entrepreneurship Pitch Event**
- **6th Grade Career Discovery Day - November 5th**
- **Summer 2027 Student Internship Credit**

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Phase I: Completed

Meetings held or attempted with all Administrative Council and planning meeting with TREES

Phase II: In progress

Hold focus groups (P&CC, JJC, and Workforce)
Strategic Planning Committee meetings

Phase III: Spring

Administrative council presentation and implementation

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