

Fiscal News/Grant Deadlines

FY '14 is wrapping up. Please spend out all equipment and supply money immediately if you have not already done so (this is especially pertinent to Perkins which has no delay in payments).

Any Amendments to FY '14 Perkin's budgets need to be submitted to me by May 23rd.

I have extended the CTEI grant through August with ISBE but would appreciate your continuing to spend that money out as it is processed to you. You are all in receipt of the funds allocated in your grants towards equipment and supplies and that money should be fully expended. Please let me know if you intend to amend either budget at this point.

Administrative Meeting Reminder: TREES has a full Administrative Council meeting next Thursday April 22.

Three thought provoking resources:

"When kids have that feeling, it is transformative for them. I made this, and everyone's coming to look at it!" This video highlights workforce needs and engaging educational practices with a focus on High Tech High School. Roughly 7 ½ minutes and well worth the view. Problem/Project based learning is essential to prepare our students for the workforce. Thanks to Mark Williams for sharing this with me.

<http://vimeo.com/88923503>

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"It's unfair to force the same notion of success on all children; everyone is different and college is not always the right or best choice." A quick and thought provoking essay from the perspective of Thea Tucker, a young African-American in the New Orleans school system entitled: "Why I wish my guidance counselors would stop talking so much about college" – Thanks so much to Dorletta Payton from Valley View for sharing. I feel Thea's views are relevant for all students. The document is attached in PDF form.

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Reframing Career and Technical Education – A recent article in Education Week by Mike Rose

"If we are serious about improving career and technical education and creating more and better pathways into the world of work, then we need to think hard about the deeply ingrained attitudes we have about certain kinds of work and the public language that issues from those attitudes." – Thanks to Martha Eldredge Stark for sharing.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/04/25/30rose.h33.html>

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of students –

Brian

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