

**Students must be prepared for BOTH college AND career if Missouri is to effectively compete in global economy**

- Federal and state funding for CTE programs is declining, while need for career training is increasing
- CTE is a critical partner in education reform
  - CTE programs are essential to Missouri meeting Top 10 by 20 goals and objectives
  - Nearly two-thirds (59%) of all Missouri jobs will require some postsecondary training by 2018
- CTE programs attract and retain industries that may go elsewhere if Missouri's workforce doesn't have skills and knowledge to fill positions
- Many nations outperforming U.S. educationally have far more effective CTE programs

**CTE students of today are Missouri's workforce of tomorrow**

- Programs focus on high-demand, high-wage occupations
- College and career-ready no longer two separate tracks
  - Students pursuing non-degree postsecondary education still need college-ready academic skills
- Programs provide viable pathway to post-secondary or industry-recognized certification and workforce success
- Students learn critical thinking, communication, how to synthesize information and ability to work on team

**Career Technical Education strengthens our students, our economy and our state**

**CTE's rigorous education and skills training are critical link to student development**

- Called CTE because we're not "vo-tech" programs of past
- CTE programs boost high school and college-going graduation rates
- Nearly 90% of CTE students go on to college or employment upon completion
- Career & Technical Student Orgs are an important part of curriculum; building leadership qualities & practical application of skill attainment

**Investing in CTE is an investment in Missouri's future**

- Missouri must provide meaningful funding and curricula essential to grow CTE programs if it is to meet its own workforce goals
- Programs educate students of all ages for existing jobs, and replacement jobs of future
- Everyone benefits from this investment – businesses, taxpayers, state
  - Helps individuals escape poverty – provides skills/knowledge to raise output and generate income