Investing in Career & Technical Education Yields Big Returns

In Washington, for every dollar invested in secondary CTE programs, the state earns $7.11 in additional tax revenues.

In Connecticut, every public dollar invested in Connecticut Community Colleges returns $16.40 over the course of the students' careers. The state's economy annually receives roughly $5 billion in income from the colleges and their students.

In Salt Lake City, for every dollar put into CTE programs at Salt Lake Community College there will be a return of $4.30 to the community.

Wisconsin's technical colleges return a public benefit of $10.65 for every $1 invested and fully pay back their annual public funding after only 2.2 years.

In Tennessee, CTE overall returns $2 for every $1 invested. At the secondary level, CTE program completers account for over $13 million in annual tax revenues.

Germanna Community College in Virginia contributes $241.2 million annually to the region's economy. Each dollar the college spends on students generates a return of $3.70 for the local economy.

Los Angeles County's economy receives roughly $9.1 billion in annual income from Los Angeles Community College District graduates and students. Taxpayers see a 10 percent return of their investment in the LACCD.

Each graduating class from Moore Norman Technology Center secondary CTE programs adds an additional $3.78 million in tax revenues to the state of Oklahoma through increased salaries and wages.

Houston earns $4.1 billion each year from Houston Community College's current and past students.

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