

CTE Bond Act:

Preparing a highly skilled workforce to grow NJ's economy





Focus

- Expand access to county vocational-technical schools
- Address employer demand for skilled workforce
- Aimed at high-demand technical careers – many do not demand four-year degree
- Priority recommendation of Manufacturing Caucus

Additional capacity needed

- Almost 17,000 students could not be accommodated
- 2.3 applicants per seat (statewide average)
- Space available for only 43% of applicants

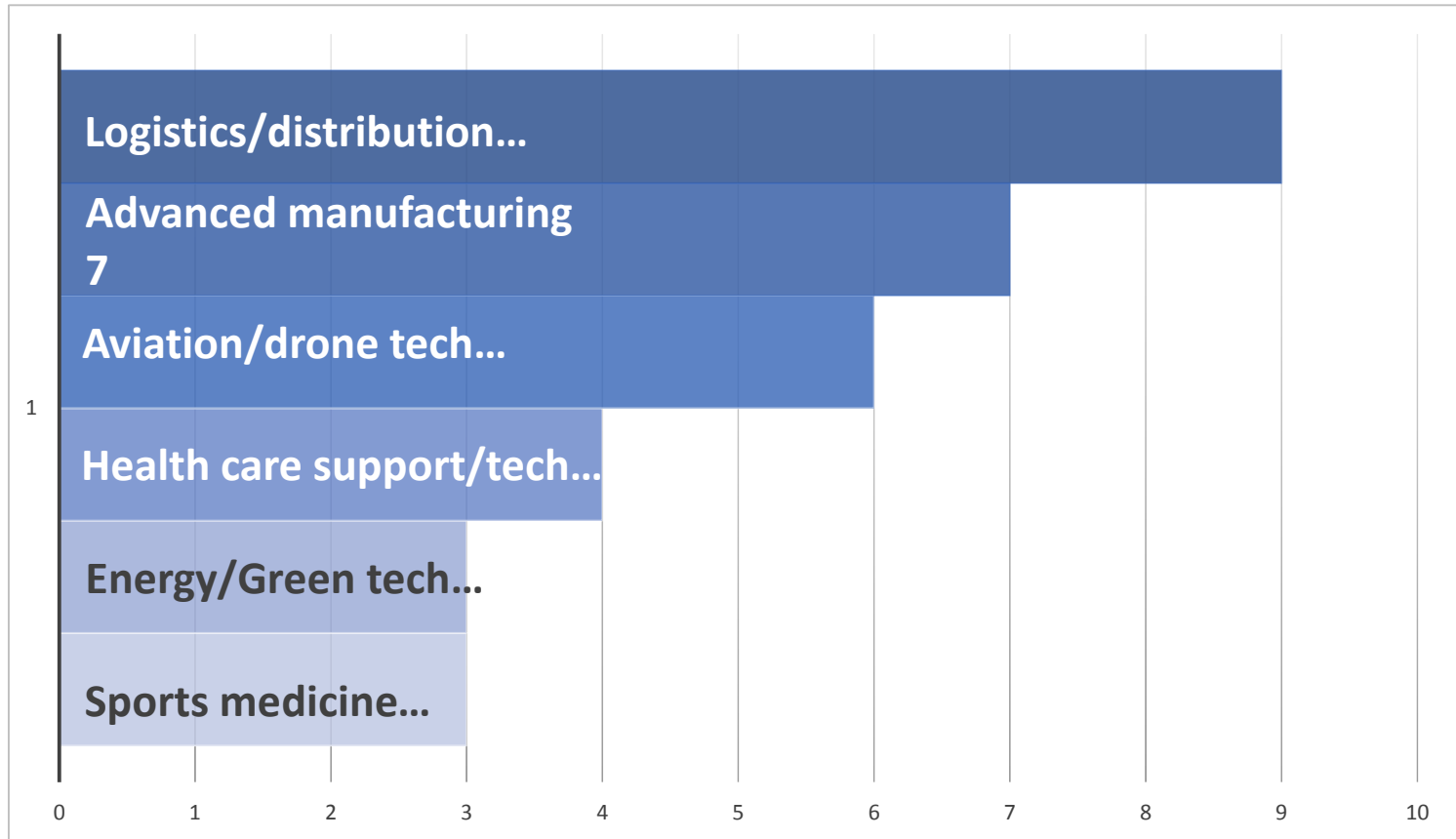


New construction, facility expansion and renovation

- CTE shops and labs
- Academic classrooms
- Ancillary and student support facilities



Demand for New and Expanded Programs

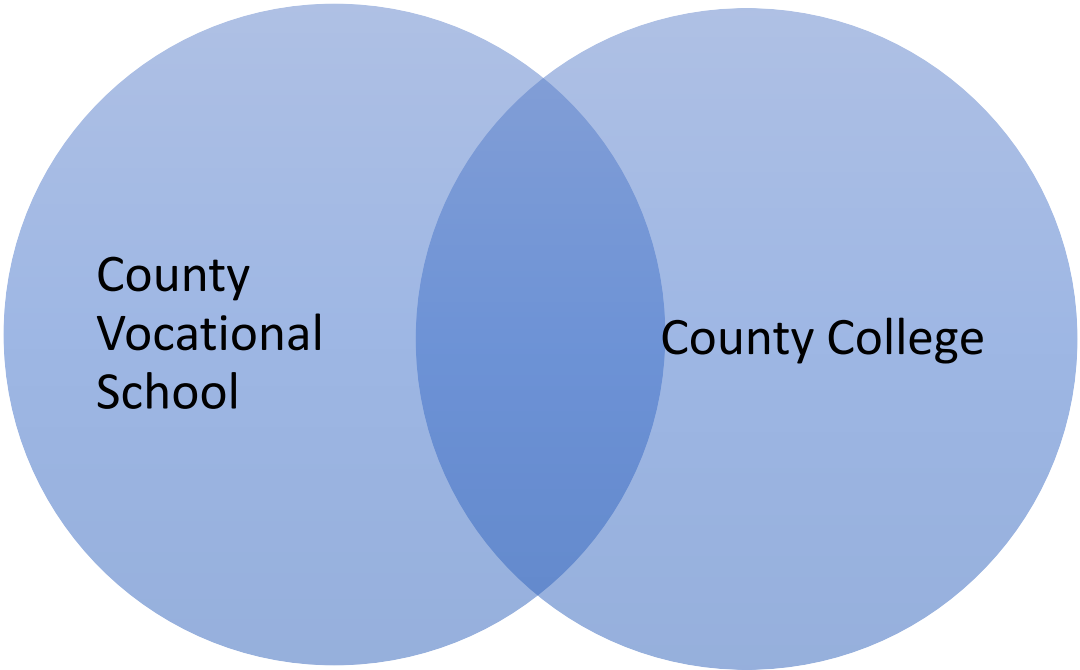


More new programs:

- Cybersecurity
- Robotics
- Digital media
- Welding



Pathways aligned with county colleges



Total Statewide Needs

\$925 Million

New construction and facility expansion:

\$695 Million

Renovation of existing facilities:

\$176 Million

**Equipment - New and Upgraded
Programs:**

\$53 Million





Additional Students Require Ongoing Resources

- Additional costs for teachers and staff, supplies, building operations
- State aid must recognize additional students
- County and local district contributions limited by caps



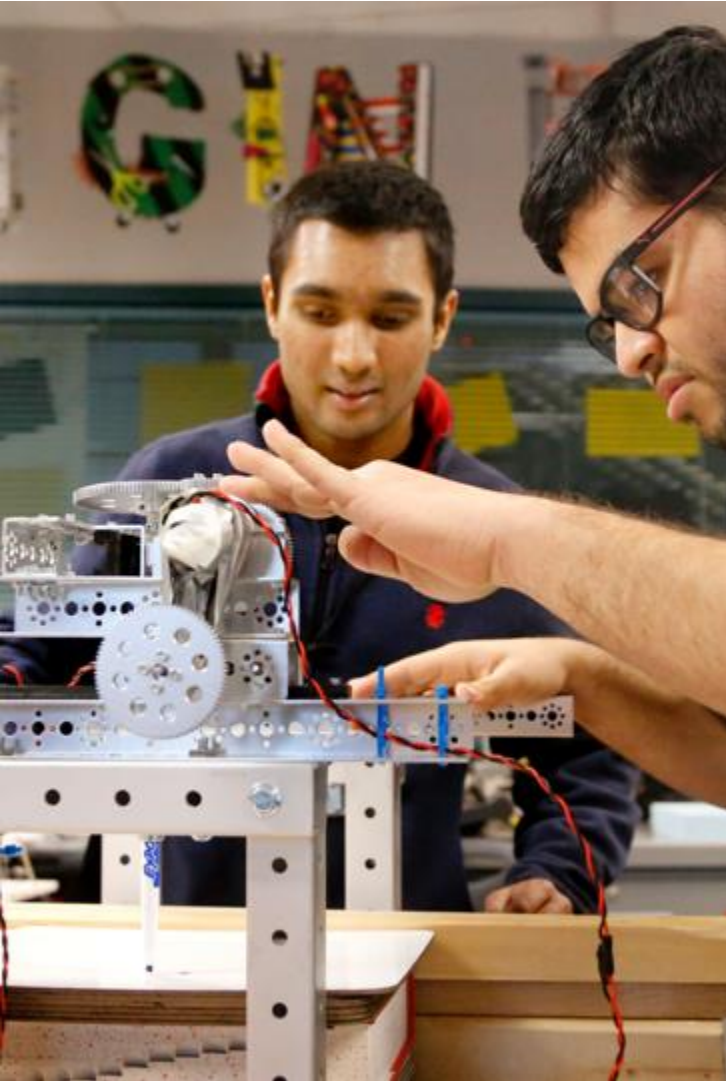
Other policy needs

- Teachers from industry
- Eliminate barriers to access
- Multiple pathways to success
- Address liability concerns of employers



Essential Partners

- Employers
 - County and four-year colleges
 - Local school districts
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- ✓ **Avoid duplication**
 - ✓ **Maximize state and county investment**
 - ✓ **Identify career pathways early**



A new dialogue

- Misconceptions and stigma persist
- Career opportunities that don't require four-year degree
- Many Paths, One Future initiative - 65% attain credential by 2025
- Earn while you learn options
- Need for local district collaboration