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

- Logistics/distribution...
- Advanced manufacturing
- Aviation/drone tech...
- Health care support/tech...
- Energy/Green tech...
- Sports medicine...
More new programs:

- Cybersecurity
- Robotics
- Digital media
- Welding
Pathways aligned with county colleges

- County Vocational School
- County College
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

✓ 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