

The Center for Career and Technology
From the desk of Eric Winkelman
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To Whom it May Concern,

Last week, we met with the EPISD Chief Financial Officer, the District Treasurer, and the Assistant Superintendent for High Schools to discuss the tuition rate for outlying district students who attend The Center for Career and Technology Education (CCTE) and The Occupational Career Center (OCC). On May 25, EPISD's Chief Financial Officer, Ken Parker, will propose to the EPISD School Board all district tuition rates. In order to make a determination for the tuition rate increase for outlying districts, the following was taken into consideration: outlying districts capture funding for any students who attend CCTE or OCC, the outlying district pays a minimal rate determined by EPISD, the tuition rate at CCTE and OCC has not changed in over 15 years, the cost of educating students in these specialized courses has increased, and each student could generate more than \$3000.00 per year in state and federal CTE funding for their district depending on the district's Average Based Allotment and the student's ADA.

It was recommended since the budget process has begun in most districts; it would not be prudent to charge a large amount over the current rate of \$800.00 per student per year. On May 25, Financial Services and Pupil Services will present to the EPISD School Board a proposal to increase the rate of tuition at CCTE and OCC for outlying districts from \$800.00 per year per student to \$1200.00 per year per student.

I recommend that you plan in your budget for next year the new recommended rate change. I am confident that the district will agree to the new recommendation. As the years proceed, EPISD will continue to review the tuition and recommend a tuition rate adjustment to the school board on an annual basis.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (915) 545-5900 or e-mail me at ejwinkel@episd.org.

Sincerely,

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