2009-10 PDE Career & Technical Education Equipment Grant

<u>Grant Overview</u>: The Pennsylvania Department of Education Career & Technical Education Equipment Grant is a competitive grant that will provide an award of up to \$50,000 to AVTS/CTC's for career and technical education equipment necessary to teach skills and/or competencies related to high-priority occupations as identified by the state.

Equipment requested must reflect needs identified by the AVTS/CTC's related Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC), and requests must include letters of support from the OAC and the local Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

The administration is proposing the purchase of a waterborne paint mixing system for use in the Collision Repair Program at the Warren County Career Center. Businesses involved in painting must have such a system in place by 2012, as mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The local OAC has identified the equipment as a necessary item for Career Center students involved in the Collision Repair Program.

The cost of the unit is currently estimated at \$22,500. A one-to-one match is required, which would result in an \$11,250 commitment from the district. The amounts listed may change upon completion of a bidding process.

Amount of Award: \$50,000.00 maximum.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due November 20, 2009. Notification date unknown.

<u>Alternatives if not Awarded</u>: The proposed equipment will not be purchased at this time without the grant funding, but will need to be addressed in the future.

<u>WCSD Resources Required</u>: Approximately \$11,250 in matching funds, provided by district curriculum supply dollars.

<u>Administrative Recommendation</u>: That the Board of School Directors instruct the administration to apply to the PDE Career & Technical Education Equipment Grant to purchase a waterborne automotive paint mixing system for use in the Warren County Career Center Collision Repair Program.