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I plan to present the following topics:

- Enrollment Trend. Enrollment has significantly decreased but has been steady for the last two years.
- Embedded Credits. Career students are scoring high in math and sciences standardized tests. Specific career courses should be considered for embedded math and science credits with the requirement to pass the keystone test.
- Funding. Consider alternative funding options for career centers to reduce the financial and budgetary pressure on sending school districts.
- Skilled-labor shortage. There is a growing skilled labor gap in the US. Western PA has 43,000 out of work and 93,000 skilled-labor job openings.
- Support for Career and Tech Ed. A state campaign to support Career and Tech Ed similar to STEM would greatly benefit communities, school districts and students. Also, the responsibilities of a Vocational Education Director are much different than that of a Principal therefore the certification requirements must also be different and adequately defined for the role.

Thank You