

Governor Quinn is meeting with the Senate and House leadership to attempt to craft a more reasonable funding and appropriations bill. Opinions vary a great deal on when, or if, this new bill will be presented to the House and Senate. **In any case, it is imperative that the CTE community contact members of the House, Senate, and the Governor's office and urge them to restore the funding that was requested by the State Board in its recommendation for FY2010.** Here is a link to all House and Senate members and email addresses. <http://www.illinoischoolnews.com/legislators.htm>. You can also access this information from the IACTE web site.

Here are some talking points for your email or telephone call:

- The loss of funds to ISBE will greatly impact our most important resource, our children.
- The loss of funds jeopardizes the federal Carl Perkins Act funds that come to Illinois...this is due to matching funds – if the state does not contribute then the feds don't give us funding either!
- The loss of funds negatively impacts every school district in Illinois.
- The loss of funds means the potential loss of(insert a local program or two that would be at risk)
- Please inform them that you will, if in fact you will, support them in the next election even if they vote for a tax increase.

Please make your contacts today as time is of the essence on this matter. **Also, ask anyone you know to contact their Senator or Representative. We need thousands of contacts in the next 2 days.**