

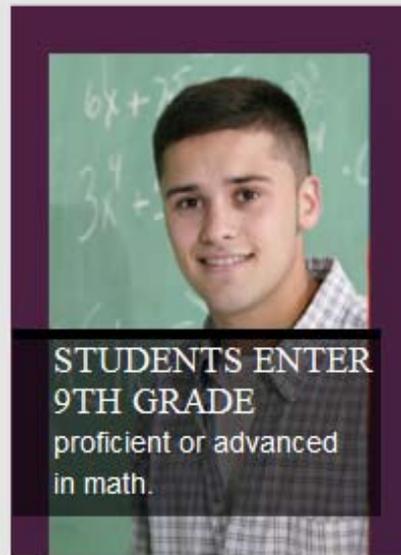
# South Dakota Department of Education

Presentation to the Joint Appropriations Committee  
February 4, 2016

# Agenda

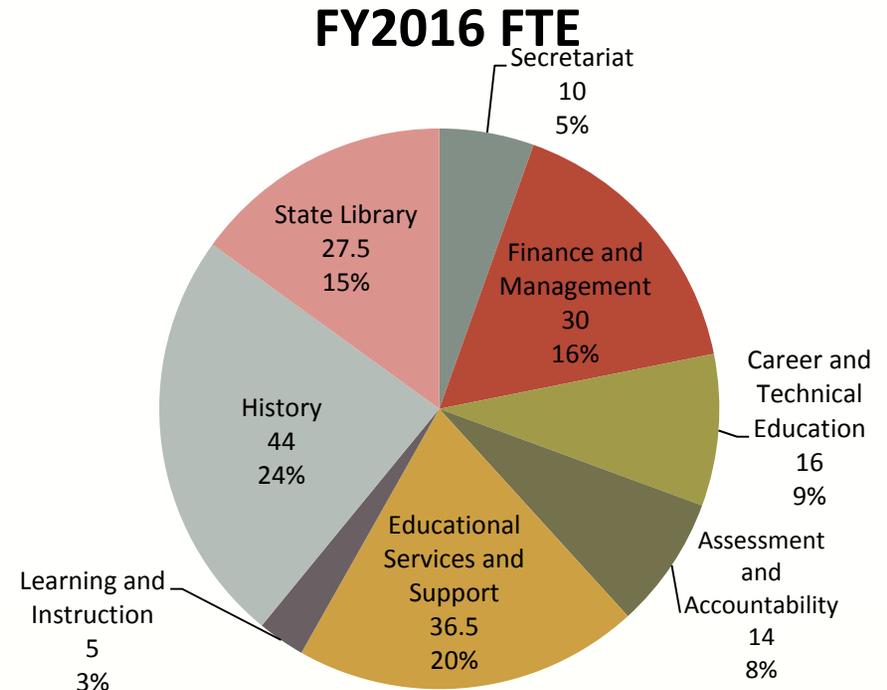
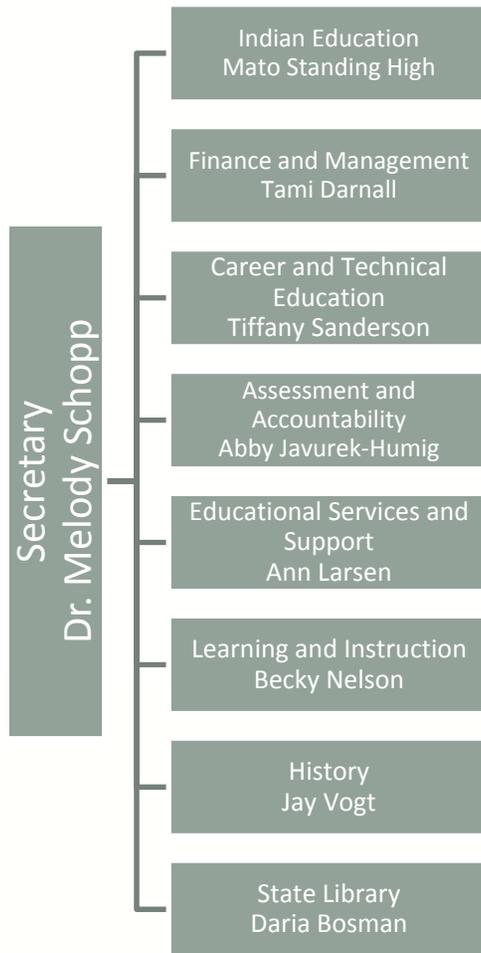
- Thursday, February 4
  - Introductions and Highlights of Agency
  - Postsecondary Technical Institutes
  - Continuation of Blue Ribbon Task Force Presentation
- Friday, February 5
  - Agency Budget
  - State Aid Budget
  - One-Time Funding Requests

# Goals and Aspirations



**COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE READY**  
PREPARING SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

# Department Organization and Staffing



## **What does it mean to be “College, Career, and Life Ready?”**

- Students have the skills and drive to enter the workforce, military or post-secondary.
- Students are able to enter post-secondary without the need for remediation.

**Requires a strong foundation based on four goals**

# What Supports are Available?

## **SD MyLife** – Career Planning Online Tool

- Available since 2008.
- Usage has increased every year with over 225,000 logins this past year.
- One stop shop for parents, students, and counselors to explore and plan careers and education beyond high school.

# What Supports are Available?

## Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- 650 CTE programs/157 districts (public, private, tribal).
- 25,874 students in grades 7-12 statewide.
- Concentrators – Two or more credits of CTE graduate at a higher rate than their peers.

# What Supports are Available?

## National Career Readiness Certificate

- 2012-13: 1,500 students/91.73%
- 2013-14: 2,055 students/91.78%
- 2014-15: 2,655 students/92.80%
- Currently: 1873 to date and 2172 scheduled totaling 4045 students.
  - 94.08% have earned a certificate so far

# What Supports are Available?

## Remediation while in high school

- Number of students increasing yearly.
  - 2013-14: 85
  - 2014-15: 141
  - 2015-16: 110 currently but students still registering
- 66.66% of students met the requirements last year to be placed into post-secondary without remediation.

# What Supports are Available?

## Dual credit

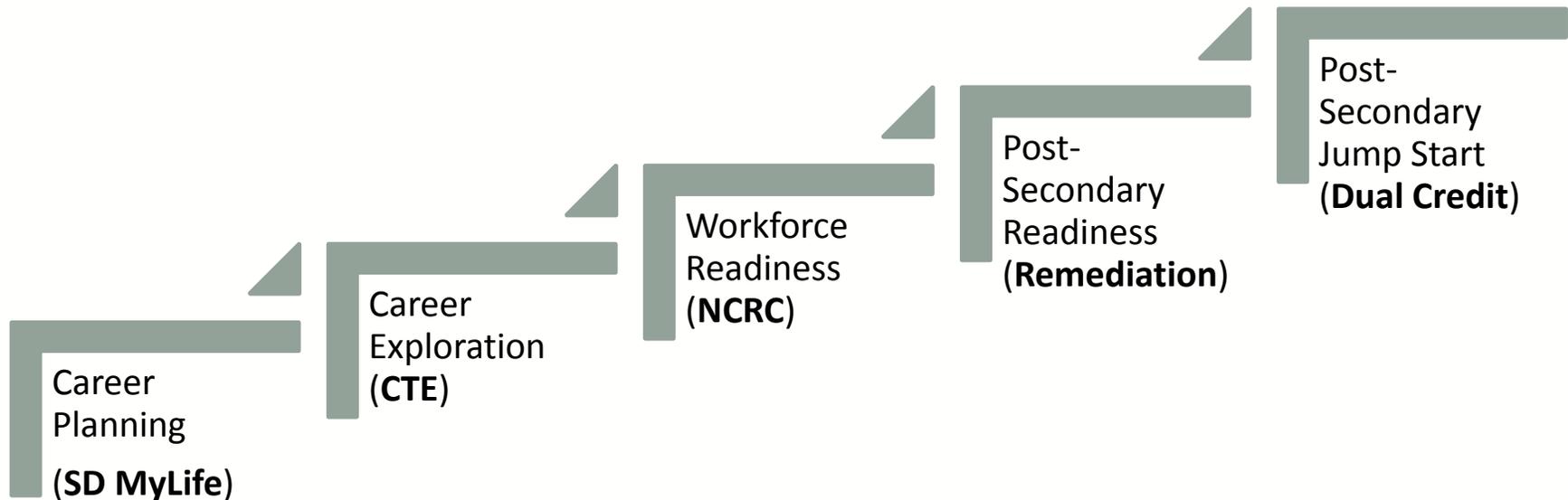
- 2,066 - 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled 2014-15
- 13, 017 credits
- 92% passing rate
  
- Reduced rate of \$40/credit hour.
- SD students saved more than \$2.5 million.
- Averaging \$1000/student.

# What Supports are Available?

## South Dakota Opportunities Scholarship

- Provides \$6,500 over four years to qualifying student.
- Fall 2015: 2,601 recipients
  - 1,228 first time recipients
- Helps to keep some of our best and brightest in the State of South Dakota.

# What Supports are Available?



# Connecting to Workforce

## Build Dakota Scholarship

- Partnership with Denny Sanford creating a \$50 million fund.
- Full scholarship for students willing to work in a high-need technical field in SD.
- Nearly 300 students in first class and applications are coming in for this next year.

# Connecting to Workforce

## Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship

- Purpose: To encourage SD high school graduates to get a degree in teaching in a hard to fill content area, and to remain in the state.
- 2014-15: 19 awards
- 2015-16: 25 awards

## On the horizon of 2016...

### Staying the course!

- 1) Tailoring interventions to those schools who need it the most.
- 2) Supporting great teachers and leaders.
- 3) Promoting 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.