

## **What do two-year colleges think of the governor's operating budget proposal?**

***We support the governor's budget for its strategic investments so students can get job training and keep the state's economy prosperous***

- Well-funded enrollments will create more access for students
  - Specific enrollments in high demand and basic skills will prepare people for competitive jobs in the state's workforce
- Freezing tuition and providing essential operating money to the colleges will give students a break and allow for smooth college operations while a stable, long-term tuition policy is developed
- Expanding Opportunity Grants will allow more students to receive the financial support and essential job training to contribute to the state's workforce
- Support for part-time faculty salary improvements will help shrink the gap between full- and part-time faculty

***The two-year colleges look forward to working with the Legislature to support faculty and improve programs***

- Support faculty through COLAs for academic employees, salary increments, part-time faculty salary increases and a salary study
- Classrooms need updated equipment – student can't be prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs with 20<sup>th</sup> century equipment
- Expand online learning tools to give students Web access to planning and advising tools, library collections and more online classes

