

## **How will online learning help two-year college students be more prepared for the global economy?**

### ***Savvy young people and busy working adults will have more online learning options (\$2.4 million)***

- All online students will experience software upgrades, enhanced faculty training and new curriculum, including 40 new courses in workforce training, shared across the two-year college system
- Online learning will cover the cost of expansion, despite 20 percent increases for course management system licenses, due to growth in student enrollments and increased vendor costs
- Online classes will be enhanced with statewide faculty training and support

### ***Students will have access to powerful online, database-driven educational planning tools (\$4.6 million)***

- The State Board will work with the HECB to develop an online advising tool that reaches across all of education so students can plan their educational futures.
- Students will broaden their understanding of available career paths through accurate, timely, and easy-to-find advising information.

### ***Students will have statewide online library databases and shared documents similar to the universities (\$4.7 million)***

- Students will utilize digital library resources including electronic and searchable books, articles, dictionaries, and manuals.
- All students will have digital access to library resources in core areas: allied health, science, engineering and technology, information technology, business, social sciences, arts and humanities.
- A major step will be taken to put two-year college students on par with their university peers for library resources. Washington's public four-year institutions received funding in the late 1990s for key digital library resources and a system to share books delivered quickly through courier services.