

Mill Subcommittee: Evidence-Based Investments that we can Expect to Deliver



Ensuring College & Career Readiness

WHY INVEST HERE:

- \$8.07M to support real-world **College & Career Readiness Opportunities**
 - DPS CareerConnect students are **30% more likely to graduate** than their non-CareerConnect peers across all DPS high schools and demographic groups.
 - State-wide, dual enrollment students are **more likely to enroll in college** immediately following graduation (78% to 51%)
 - Once there, dual enrollment students are more likely to have a **higher first-year college GPA** (2.79 to 2.54)
 - DPS dual enrollment students **lower their future student loan debt** by an estimated \$487.50 for each 3 credit hour course they successfully complete.

WHAT IS THE INVESTMENT:

- Provide the opportunity to all students to take one 3-credit hour dual enrollment course
- Expand student participation by 4500 students in career pathway programs and over 13,000 in work-based learning opportunities
- Transportation assistance for low income high school students to **Access Educational Opportunities**, such as high quality schools and internships
- Students leave DPS prepared for **career opportunities in growing Denver industries**