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The Governor has been calling leadership and budget writers from the four corners into his office daily (sometimes more) to work on breaking the stalemate on the final budget. Things are happening, but what that may be is a very closely held secret. Except for when the two parties have a press conference they are quick to point out what the other side should be doing...oh the joys of politics.

SO WHERE ARE WE WITH THE CTE MSOC CORRECTION NOW?

In the last *WOVE* I said, "It is not over until it is over" and there is a path forward to achieve the CTE MSOC correction this legislative session. That is still very true, but we all have to continue working to that end.

I also said that an amount lower than the \$38 million we have been asking for might change. That has happened...the Washington ACTE is asking for \$19 million for the biennium and support \$2 million for expansion of JAG programs with OSPI. [You can find our latest handout with details on our website by clicking this link.](#)

In my meetings this week with leadership from both chambers, I am beginning to see an increased glimmer of hope that this has helped and may happen. But by no means is this done! We must continue to work the process and your role continues to be critical in making this happen. If you have been contacting legislators I suggest that you continue to make those contacts, but transition your message to one that fits where we are in the process. I suggest the following:

This works well for the key budget writers:

"We/I understand that the CTE MSOC correction of \$19 million has an opportunity to be included in the final budget and I/we strongly encourage you to finalize it in the budget for the good of all kids and CTE related programs."

For your local legislators, I suggest:

"We/I understand that the CTE MSOC correction of \$19 million is being considered by leadership in the final budget. Please reach out to them and ask to make it happen for the good of all kids and CTE related programs."

If those two do not sound like you, please paraphrase with the same core message...but, please DO NOT use the term “technical” anywhere in your message. This term has turned out to be a “sore spot” with many legislators because they see “technical” in the budget as something simple and small; this is neither.

For further information in contacting your state legislators look for the next CTE Advocacy Update soon.

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