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## Press Release

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### **Career and Technical Education Department Receives Grant Funds**

**Baton Rouge, LA – To further expand its offerings to students, the Career and Technical Education Department of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) recently received a total of \$169, 920 in grant funds from the Louisiana Department of Education.**

**As part of the Innovative (technical) High Schools Model Initiative for 2009, the state department awarded the EBRPSS a \$70,000 grant** to provide innovative high school programs that are student-centered, utilize a problem-based learning environment and achieve results. Funds would be used to support the initiative implementation or upgrade the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs in designated high schools that have potential leadership and district support. EBRPSS was one of 10 school districts throughout the state to receive one of the \$70,000 grant awards.

**The state also gave the School System’s Career and Technical Education Department \$50,000** to purchase Project Lead the Way curriculum materials, program specific equipment and specialized training for instructors. Eight School Systems statewide received the funding. The Project also is part of the CTE Model High Schools Programs.

**In addition, EBRPSS received a Dual Enrollment Incentive 2009 Program grant from the state in the amount of \$49,920.** This CTE Awards Program is designed to help alleviate the financial strain of offering complete and successful CTE Programs and provide incentives to expand these programs. Thirty-eight districts with 3,199 enrolled students received the state CTE funding at about \$156 per dual-enrolled student. Dual enrollment allows high school students to take college-credit courses.

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