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ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT	New Career and Technical Education Courses at Clifton Middle School
RATIONALE	<p>I am asking for the approval of the classes below to be offered at Clifton Middle School during the 2017-18 school year. The description of the classes are below.</p> <p>7th grade Keyboarding (6150/9 week course) This course is designed for middle school students to develop and enhance touch skills for entering alphabetic, numeric and symbol information on a keyboard. Students compose and produce personal, educational, and professional documents.</p> <p>7th grade Inventions and Innovations (8454/9 week course) Students make models of significant inventions that have advanced society. After studying these developments, they explore contemporary technological problems facing them, their community, or the world and apply a systematic procedures to invent new products or innovations as solutions.</p> <p>8th grade Technological Systems (8457/9 week course) Students combine resources and techniques to create systems, attaining comprehension of how technological systems work. Students will explore, design, analyze, and evaluate technological systems. By simulating systems and assessing their impacts, students gain insight into how to approach the problems and opportunities of a technological world. They also explore technology-oriented careers.</p> <p>8th grade Make It Your Business (8112/9 week</p>

	<p>course) Students design, establish, and operate a small group or class business, producing a service or product that meets an identified school or community need. Emphasis is placed on the introduction and application of business terminology, basic entrepreneurship concepts, and fundamental business principles. Basic academic skills (mathematics, science, English, and history/social science) are integrated into this course.</p> <p>8th grade Career Investigation Phase I (9068/9 weeks) This course prepares students to be “career investigators.” To obtain the title, students must assess their roles in society, identify their roles as workers, analyze their personal assets, complete a basic exploration of career clusters, select career fields or occupations for further study, and create a plan based on their academic and career interests.</p>
ESTIMATED COSTS	Career and Technical Education
BUDGET CATEGORY	
LEGAL REFERENCE	
STAFF CONTACTS	Jan Hobbs, Director of Assessment and Accountability
SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION	Recommended