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Adding bill Talbott in case he wants to correct me. I don't know about vt strong scholars. Not our wheelhouse, but my recollection is not well funded and incentivized at the wrong end. Dual enrollment is not adequately funded; we need a budget adjustment each year to pay for it. Early college comes out of the Ed fund. It does drive up the property tax rate in places where students participate, and is an entitlement, so is not subject to local control. We are closing in on \$2 million a year from the education fund to colleges. That number does seem to grow every year.

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On Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 6:22 AM -0800, "Trombley, Shana" <Shana.Trombley@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hello Everyone,

Both Pepper and I are getting a lot of push back from legislators regarding funding the Governor's proposed Children's Savings Account program and Step Up. A lot of the criticism is centered around concern that current programs are not fully funded; specifically, VT Strong Scholars, Dual Enrollment or Early college. Are these programs adequately funded? Any details you can provide would be welcomed.

Thank you.

Shana