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Pedro Rivera, PA Secretary of Education, center, met with CSIU leaders and regional school superintendents.

Pa. education secretary puts focus on programs during visit

In a visit with Valley school superintendents on Wednesday, state Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera stressed career readiness programs for students across the state.

In a meeting at the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), Rivera emphasized partnerships between schools and workforce stakeholders; opportunities for teachers to visit local employers in labor and industry to foster such partnerships; aligned K-12 school guidance plans that develop career readiness and employability skills in students, and career and technical centers and courses which provide hands-on learning experiences and support career pathways.

Valley school districts have partnered with the CSIU for two years in

Teacher in the Workplace partnerships with local businesses and chambers of commerce to develop work-ready students, according to the CSIU.

Rivera also highlighted funding that included a \$1.4 billion increase in education funding from pre-K through college; a doubling of pre-K funding, increasing the number of attending toddlers by 74 percent; and investment in PA's community colleges and State System of Higher Education. Health and safety initiatives including school breakfast programs, school safety and security task forces and opportunities for school leaders to receive professional development around poverty, equity and mental health issues impacting schools and communities were all discussed.