Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to their educational investment in CCD. A portion of these benefits accrues to state taxpayers in the form of higher tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services.

**CCD INCREASES TAX REVENUE**
- Approximately 89% of CCD’s students remain in Colorado upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.
- Over the students’ working lives, state government in Colorado will collect a present value of $207.6 million in the form of higher tax receipts.

**CCD REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS**
- CCD students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.
- The improved lifestyles of students result in a reduced demand for government-supported services. Better health leads to reduced health care costs. Reduced crime leads to a reduced burden on the criminal justice system. Further, increased employability leads to fewer claims for welfare and unemployment benefits.
- As a result, taxpayers in the state of Colorado will see a present value of $9.9 million in savings to government over the students’ working careers.

**CCD IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE TAXPAYERS**
- In FY 2015-16, state taxpayers in Colorado paid $20.5 million to support the operations of CCD.
- For every $1 of public money spent on CCD, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of $10.60 over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.
- Taxpayers see an average annual internal rate of return of 44.4% on their investment in CCD. This return compares favorably with the 0.7% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

**SUMMARY OF THE TAXPAYER INVESTMENT**
- **10.6** Benefit-cost ratio
- **44.4%** Rate of return