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The Honorable Toni Jennings  
Lieutenant Governor  
[Office of the Governor](#)  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Lt. Governor Jennings:

In support of your task force's charge to examine the state's funding and structure of career education, our Council would like to share with you some of our recent work on this topic. The Council is committed to improving the transition to careers for Florida's secondary and postsecondary students. Often, the policy discussion focuses on programs for the college-preparatory student, but the vast majority of students do not follow this traditional path into postsecondary education and the workforce. By examining state and international policies that work, the Council hopes to provide guidance to state policymakers as they develop policies to ensure that all of the Florida's students have an opportunity to excel in school and in business or professional careers.

Our Council has approved the enclosed document for your review. This paper summarizes several of our recent recommendations as they apply to certain specific items in House Bill 769. We are continuing to work on a final report on career and professional education that will be available by the end of August.

Should you have questions regarding the significant work the Council has done on career and professional education, please contact our executive director, Dr. William B. Proctor. We look forward to providing whatever assistance will be helpful to your task force in completing its very important work. We would be interested in being an active participant in future meetings by presenting our proposals for task force consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. K. Desai".

A. K. Desai

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Enclosure

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