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SUBJECT: CTE Audit Update and Next Steps for Institutions

A condition of Florida's continued economic success is the ability to educate for the future of work. This, in turn, requires the strengthening of the state's career and technical education (CTE) programs. In Executive Order 19-31, Governor Ron DeSantis charged the Commissioner of Education with an annual audit of CTE programs. The Florida Department of Education (department) will use audit findings to guide recommendations to eliminate course/program offerings that are not aligned to market demand, to strengthen existing courses/programs, as needed, and to create new offerings.

To accomplish our goals and vision to systematically measure secondary and postsecondary CTE programs for quality, the department established an advisory committee and several expert groups to provide critical feedback on the CTE audit process and associated measures of program quality. The department is employing a staggered roll out of the CTE audit's three phases, with consideration given to both statewide and regional/local needs and demands. Phase 1 is the statewide review of programs, phase 2 is the local program review, and phase 3 is the sharing of information and best practices.

On **January 24, 2020, the department will host a webinar** to release the findings from phase 1 of the CTE audit. In this phase, the department conducted an analysis of CTE secondary and postsecondary program quality, using statewide data, based on program quality indicators. The unit of analysis is statewide programs, where each program is counted once, regardless of how many institutions offer the program.

As a result of this review, each program will either be: 1) moving forward to a local review for further analysis, which will be done at an institutional level, or 2) determined to have met statewide benchmarks, which requires no further action at the institutional level. Please find information for the webinar below:

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Career and Technical Education Audit - Statewide Results

Friday, January 24, 2020

1:00pm-2:00pm EDT

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/601792804921687564>

Webinar ID: 803-534-867

Following the statewide announcement, each institution can expect to receive notification of its findings no later than February 3, 2020, under separate cover. Upon receipt of notification, institutions will have a month to compile data and information for each program moving forward to local review. Again, no action will be required for programs that do not proceed to local review. Technical details and corresponding guidance and assistance will be available beginning February 3, 2020.

In the meantime, for additional information, please visit our website at www.fldoe.org/careerpathways or contact CTEAudit@fldoe.org.

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