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SUBJECT: Perkins V Public Hearing Information

Dear Colleagues:

We are in the process of developing the State of Florida's plan for implementing The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), and we are excited to invite you to take advantage of opportunities to share your input, in person and virtually. Perkins V will make available nearly \$1.3 billion annually for career and technical education (CTE) programs throughout the nation. Of this, Florida's school districts and state colleges will receive approximately \$73 million annually to expand opportunities for every student to explore, choose, and follow CTE programs of study and career pathways to earn credentials of value.

The state plan that is currently in production will serve as a guide for proper use of funds and state-level expectations for at least the next four years, and the timing is impeccable. Statewide interest in workforce education is at an all-time high, thanks to Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 19-31, and this plan presents another chance to break down silos that have inhibited our ability to help students reach their full potential. Florida currently ranks 20th among all states in the U.S. for residents with a high-quality degree or credential, an improvement from where we once were, but far from our potential and our goal of being #1 in workforce by 2030.

The year 2030 is an important marker because it is the year that today's 1st graders will be graduating from high school. Will they be ready to excel at the next generation of careers and to meet the evolving workforce needs? The decisions we make now will determine the answer.

We have scheduled public hearings, which are listed below. We hope you will not only plan to attend, but also share this information far and wide.

- October 29 – Broward County, Atlantic Technical College, 4-6 p.m.
- October 30 – Manatee County, Manatee Technical College, 1-3 p.m.
- October 31 – Orange County, Orange Technical College, 10 a.m. - noon
- November 4 – Leon County, Lively Technical College, 1-3 p.m.
- November 5 – Okaloosa, Northwest Florida State College, 1-3 p.m. CST
- November 7 – Duval County, Florida State College at Jacksonville, 1-3 p.m.
- Week of November 11: two webinars

In the coming weeks, we will be sending you additional Perkins V information including registration information for the public hearings.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you and taking great steps together for Florida's students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric Hall

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