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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Education Director

FROM: Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D.

DATE: May 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Reporting and Funding for Information Technology Specialist (ITS) – Cybersecurity (CERTI015) and Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) Cybersecurity (CISCO028) Certifications

Ceritport has notified the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) that students passing the Information Technology Specialist (ITS) – Cybersecurity (CERTI015) certification or passing the Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) Cybersecurity (CISCO028) certification will result in the student earning both certifications. Currently both exams are on the 2023-24 Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Industry Certification Funding list.

As a result, the following reporting and funding rules should be followed for these two certification codes: Funding will only be allowed for one of these certification codes.

- If the student earned both CISCO028 and CERTI015, only CISCO028 should be reported.
- If a student earned and was funded in the Florida Educational Finance Program (FEFP) CERTI015 in 2022-23 and CISCO028 is earned in 2023-24 then CISCO028 should not be reported.

The certifying agency will be releasing a new exam for Information Technology Specialist (ITS) – Cybersecurity in July of 2024. Due to this being a new exam, the current reporting code (CERTI015) will be retired, effective for the 2024-25 year. The certification associated with the new exam will need to be requested through the Master Credentials List (MCL) application for potential addition to the 2024-25 MCL and 2025-26 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. There are no changes to Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) Cybersecurity (CISCO028), and the exam will remain on the CAPE list.

For more information on the exam transition of Information Technology Specialist (ITS) – Cybersecurity exam, please visit the following link:

<https://gocertiport.pearsonvue.com/cybersecuritytransition2023>.

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If you have questions on the CAPE funding list please contact Kaitlin Vickers, CAPE industry certification Manager at industrycertification@fldoe.org or 850-245-9030. If you have questions on the MCL please contact mcl@careersourceflorida.com.

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