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MEMORANDUM

TO: CTE Directors
FROM: Christy Junkins, Executive Director of School Support
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020

Re: Office of Career and Technical Education Updates

Many memos are being distributed by the SCDE at this time with updates to deadlines and requirements for many different programs. It is our job as LEA to not bombard you with unneeded information. We will continue to review memos and share with you any information that pertains to the schools.

The SCDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) is aware that the precautions taken during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic may affect plans and schedules concerning career and technical education (CTE) initiatives. In an effort to assist schools and districts, the following recommendations and updates are provided for guidance to schools, districts, and multidistrict centers.

Work Based Learning (WBL)

Schools should use local judgment in determining whether or not a student should proceed with student WBL assignments during this time. In consideration of the student, WBL placement with a willing business partner, please ensure none of the statutes put into place by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) or the Governor's Office are being compromised. While working through the logistics of WBL participation, consider the best mechanism for monitoring student participation during this time. The deadline for recording all work-based experiences is tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2020.

More specifically, the Barbering and Cosmetology Board has approved distance learning during this period of public emergency for theory on the "Milady and PivotPoint" platforms during this health crisis. Additional information will be disseminated after the called board meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning, March 18, 2020.

Further information will be forthcoming for those programs with more heavily regulated requirements.

Perkins Funding (Currently Only Applies to Calhoun Falls)

The OCTE will continue to work in the Grants Accounting Processing System (GAPS) throughout the current situation for Perkins and state funding. At this time, there are no changes to deadlines for spending funds. We will follow up with the U.S. Department of Education to inquire about any potential changes. If you recognize that your activities may be affected, we would encourage you to complete an amendment. The amendment period will remain open and we will work diligently to help you throughout this current difficulty. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Director of Federal Programs.

Placement Data

The OCTE is extending the deadline for the Placement Data collection to June 15, 2020. Please know that the OCTE will continue to work with you during this period to help address your questions and concerns. Training will be provided in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me with any questions, comments, or concerns.