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His Excellency, Governor Chris Sununu
Governor of the State of New Hampshire
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

Pursuant to RSA 188-E:10-b VI, please accept this letter as the annual report from the Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education. In this report you will find a summary of the Council's findings and recommendations for proposed legislation.

The Council is charged with studying and making recommendations concerning:

- (a) The delivery system of career and technical education (CTE) in New Hampshire;
- (b) Increasing access to career and technical education programs;
- (c) Increasing partnerships between businesses, skilled trades, advanced manufacturing, and CTE programs;
- (d) The establishment and implementation of individual learning plans beginning in grade 6; and
- (e) Other barriers as may be identified that restrict the delivery of career and technical education to all interested students.

Meeting Schedule, Topics, and Presentations

The Council heard presentations on many topics throughout the previous year. Below is a summary of the presentations and topics at each meeting:

- September 9, 2019
 - Discussion of the charter school grant and possible CTE usage
 - Discussion of legislation SB276 w/Sen. Kahn
 - Upcoming school events
 - Construction career days
 - Automotive event at MCC
 - Culinary competition w/National Guard

- October 21, 2019
 - Preview of CTE video project through Nashua and Walmart Foundation
 - Discussion of adding a school counselor to this Advisory Council
 - All approved; will request legislation
- November 19, 2019
 - Senator Kahn update on SB276
 - Continued discussion around charter school grant opportunities
 - Discussion around tuition and transportation funding
- December 16, 2019
 - Update on Career Academy
 - Sen. Kahn submitted a bill to add the school counselor and grant DOE power to issues rules related to SB276
 - Perkins update
 - Draft state plan sent to AdvanceCTE for feedback
 - WBL target is 60%
 - Charter school update
 - Finance committee rejected the grant
 - Discussion of Outdoor Rec Management as a potential new pathway
 - Suggested we open discussion with BEA
- January 13, 2020
 - Perkins update
 - Feedback received from AdvanceCTE: only minor suggestions
 - Jeff Beard explained the performance levels included in the plan
 - Open seats on this advisory board
 - Working with the commissioner to identify an industry (preferably healthcare) and CTE director to fill open positions
 - Consultant contract
 - A consultant has been identified for the equitable access study
 - Presented to G&C later this month for approval
- February 10, 2020
 - Consultant contract
 - RMC made a brief presentation about the project they will undertake
 - Local school recruitment
 - Bruce Farr presented on efforts undertaken at the local level
 - CTE renovations
 - Discussion around how to proceed once current renovation cycle is completed
- March 9, 2020
 - Perkins state plan is open for public comment for 30 days
 - Discussion around proposed use of Perkins funds for teacher credentialing
 - Instead of the current individual plan, newly hired teachers would complete coursework through CCSNH
 - Discussion of CIP consolidation projects
 - We offer over 70 unique CIP codes; would like to reduce it below 30
 - Will not diminish local ability for program specialization
 - Starting with business, manufacturing and construction

- Discussion of LNA program concerns
 - Crossover from VT causes challenges with the NH board
- Reminder about the tax donation forms
- Discussion of the offshore wind project

Subsequently scheduled meetings were cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic.

Access

The Council continued to discuss the concerns around *access to* CTE and *funding for*. The State's regional CTE delivery model ensures equal access to CTE only if the funding model works for all students. Sending schools are required to pay 25% of CTE tuition plus any portion not reimbursed by the State. Uncertainty around reimbursement leads sending schools to carefully consider, and possibly restrict, the number of students they send to CTE programs.

Thank you for your continuing support for career and technical education in New Hampshire. The Council looks forward to another year of growth and improvement of CTE in the State.

Tastefully,



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cc: Honorable Donna Soucy, President of the Senate
Honorable Steve Shurtleff, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Honorable Jay Kahn, Chairperson Education and Workforce Development
Honorable Mel Myler, Chairperson Education
Mr. Michael York State Librarian