

**To: Members of the State Board of  
Education & Early Development**

**December 8, 2022**

**From: Heidi Teshner, Acting Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 12**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The board is being asked to approve a Career and Technical Education (CTE) nomination and recognition program that provides recognition to innovative CTE programs that focus on work-based learning and/or student engagement.

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- The second priority of Alaska's Education Challenge provides a focus on high quality CTE programs that prepare students for postsecondary endeavors.
- The DEED CTE team partnered with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and school districts to create a Work-Based Learning (WBL) Guide to help promote WBL to districts and employers.
- The SBOE Subcommittee for Career, Technical, and Culturally Relevant Education realizes that a focus on WBL and student engagement in the area of CTE helps provide relevance to school and helps boost graduation rates.
- The committee is proposing a recognition program to highlight high-quality programs.
  - Programs will be nominated by districts, employers, parents, and communities.
  - DEED staff will provide additional information to the committee regarding the program. Three large and three small programs will be put forward for review by the committee.
  - The committee will select programs to recognize.
  - Awardees will receive a certificate or plaque to honor their efforts.
  - The committee will annually bring all awardees forward to the State Board for official recognition during the June board meeting.
- Behind this cover memo are the CTE Recognition Form (nomination), CTE Recognition WBL Rubric, and the CTE Recognition Student Engagement Rubric.
- Lorri Van Diest, State Board Member and CTE Committee Chair, and Deborah Riddle, Division Operations Manager, Division of Innovation and Education Excellence, will be present to brief the board.

**◆ OPTIONS**

Adopt the proposed proposal for CTE Recognition Program.

Amend the proposal and adopt the amended proposal.

Seek more information.

**◆ ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the proposed proposal.

**◆ SUGGESTED MOTION**

After considering all public comment, I move the State Board of Education and Early Development approve the proposed Career and Technical Education Recognition Program that recognizes innovation in Work Based Learning and student engagement.