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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2021

TO: CEPD Administrators and CTE Directors

FROM: Brian L. Pyles, Ph.D., Director
Office of Career and Technical Education

SUBJECT: 2022 CTE Program Excellence in Practice Awards

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) is accepting nominations for the **2022 Excellence in Practice Awards** to be presented at the *2022 Michigan Career Education Conference* on Monday, January 31, 2022, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The application can be retrieved by accessing the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Portal link, www.michigan.gov/mde-cteportal. Those with a Michigan Education Information System (MEIS) account can access the application.

There are two categories of CTE Excellence and Practice Awards:

- The ***Career and Technical Education Outstanding Program Excellence in Practice Award*** recognizes a successful, exemplary, state-approved career and technical education (CTE) program that demonstrates outstanding outcomes, produces measurable results, and leads to documented success in employment, postsecondary education, and apprenticeship.
- The ***Career and College Readiness Initiative Excellence in Practice Award*** recognizes outstanding practices, programs, or services that demonstrate exemplary support of career and college planning for students. These activities assist students in their academic readiness, connect students to their career cluster of interest, and link their career options and educational decisions to prepare them for high-wage, high-skill, in-demand careers.

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The Michigan Perkins V state plan for career and technical education supports [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) to:

- Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students
- Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school
- Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential

On May 29, 2020, the United States Department of Education (USED) approved the Michigan 4-year State Plan, covering Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-23, to implement the requirements of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) Act of 2006, as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), under section 2 purpose (1) build on the efforts of states and localities to develop challenging academic and technical standards and to assist students in meeting such standards, including preparation for high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations in current or emerging professions.

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