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TO: CEPD Administrators

FROM: Brian L. Pyles, Ph.D., Director 
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SUBJECT: Requirement Change of Follow-up Survey Proxy Rate

Follow-up survey data are used in a variety of ways at the federal, state, and local levels to demonstrate the impact of Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding as well as program evaluation. Evaluating CTE program outcomes ensures that students continue to receive high-quality CTE instruction. High-quality CTE programs support student preparation for continuing education and employment. Follow-up survey data are also used for mandated reporting of the federal Carl D. Perkins Core Performance Indicator-3S1 post-program placement.

To evaluate the extent to which the CTE follow-up survey data reported by school districts operating state-approved CTE programs was valid and reliable, the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education (MDE-OCTE) periodically conducts a validation study of survey results. The survey methodology includes re-contacting a sample of student respondents and contacting student nonrespondents to the original survey.

In the most recent follow-up validation study, conducted in 2021, results from proxy surveys were less accurate than the responses collected directly from students.

Therefore, to reduce the proxy rate:

- Buildings with proxy rates higher than 20% will be required to attend a follow-up training before the next follow-up survey. This will be included in the follow-up protocol manual and these buildings will receive a letter indicating the requirement.
- The proxy rate requirement for the Technical, Review, Assistance and Compliance (TRAC) risk analysis and compliance finding will be reduced. A memo will be distributed informing districts of the new threshold.

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- For TRAC risk analysis: Proxy rate threshold will be lowered to 20%. Regions that have 1 or more buildings with a proxy rate greater than 20% will be flagged on the risk analysis.
- For TRAC onsite visit: Regions that have a regional proxy rate higher than 20% will receive a finding of noncompliance and be required to prepare a compliance plan.

These follow-up data policies will be fully implemented in the 2022-2023 school year, based on the 2021-2022 follow-up survey data.

See the Carl D. Perkins Act Section 113. [20 U.S.C. 2323] (2) (A) which states:

- Each eligible agency must identify, in the State's plan, a Post Program Placement Core Performance Indicator for secondary CTE concentrators that is valid and reliable, and include, at a minimum, measures of each of the following:
 - (iii) The percentage of CTE concentrators who, in the second quarter after exiting from secondary education, are in postsecondary education or advanced training, military service or a service program that receives assistance under Title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.), are volunteers as described in Section 5(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504(a)) or are employed.

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.

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