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Last summer, legislation was enacted (P.A. 45 of 2007, eff. July 17, 2007) that amended language for the operation of Career and Technical Education (CTE) area centers that are funded with vocational millage dollars. Section 380.681(7) of the Revised School Code required the Department of Education and the Department of Treasury, in consultation with intermediate school districts (ISDs), to develop a definition of area center and career and technical program operating purposes. This letter is to notify you that this task has been accomplished.

Attached is a copy of the "CTE Program Operating Purposes" document which was developed with input from the following individuals:

Patty Cantú, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, Michigan Department of Education (MDE)  
Lisa Hanskenecht, Legislative Director, MDE  
Glenda Rader, Assistant Director, State Aid and School Finance, MDE  
Tom Armstrong, Director, Business Services, Wexford-Missaukee ISD  
Kevin Oxley, CTE Director, Jackson County ISD  
Stephanie Murray, Director, Business and Administrative Services, Traverse Bay Area ISD  
Brian April, Assistant Director, Financial Services, Oakland Schools  
Cary Vaughn, Michigan Department of Treasury

Please refer to this document when planning expenditures with your millage dollars. There is another portion of the amended language that requires action, as well. Section 380.684(3)(d) of the Revised School Code states, "the intermediate school district shall submit its career and technical education plan to the department in the form and manner prescribed by the department." In order to comply with this new requirement, a draft of the CTE Plan has been developed. I have scheduled a meeting on April 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. to gain input into the draft. This meeting will be in the Ottawa Conference Room #2 on the upper parking level, 608 West Allegan, Lansing (map enclosed). It would be helpful to receive your assistance with the document. Our goal is to meet the intent of the law, but do so simply, meaningfully, and without duplicating other processes already in place.

We would like you or a representative from your ISD to attend the meeting if possible. Please let Janice Ambs, Office of Career and Technical Education, know by April 4, 2008 who from your ISD will be attending. She may be reached at (517) 373-2780 or by email at: [ambsj@michigan.gov](mailto:ambsj@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures