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System Director's Update

Greetings! I hope this EFE newsletter finds you enjoying the holiday season. Education for Employment System #330 has now moved into our new location at Parkland College. Please stop in and visit us if you are ever on campus. We are located in the A Wing, Room A113. I recently ran across the information below in a Utah CTE newsletter. Great supporting information for career and technical education programs!

CTE integrates academic and technical skills and content with a focus on solving real-world problems.

Selected CTE courses can meet academic credit requirements for graduation or count for both academic and elective CTE credit.

Students who experience Math-in-CTE score significantly higher on standardized math tests than students who do not.

The hands-on nature of **CTE keeps students engaged**, motivated, and coming to school.

A ratio of one **CTE** course to two academic courses **minimizes a student's risk of dropping out of high school**.

CTE supports students' postsecondary attainment through its Programs of Study framework.

Through CTE, students of all ages can acquire stackable credentials—certificates, industry-recognized certifications, and degrees that build one on another.

Students who graduate from high school with some college credit **are more likely to pursue a postsecondary degree**.

CTE is well-suited to answer the employer demand for students with employability skills through in-class projects, Career and Technical Student Organization competitions, student-led businesses and work-based learning.

Partnerships with business allow CTE to equip students with the skills needed by industry.

Business partners serve on advisory committees, assist in the development and delivery of curriculum, and **provide mentorship and internship opportunities**.

For details, including research citations, visit www.acteonline.org.

Professional Development Update

We held six workshops during the fall semester. Approximately 100 principals, teachers, and counselors from the region had the opportunity to connect with their secondary and post-secondary peers and were able to network with members of business and industry from across central Illinois by participating in industry tours. We visited the

following companies this fall:

- HL Precision Mfg, Inc.
- State Farm at U of I Research Park
- Frasca, International
- Prairie Fruits Farms
- Caterpillar Simulation Center at U of I Research Park

Our counselors group also participated in a

roundtable discussion with 15 manufacturing and skilled trades employers. I would like to thank all of our business partners for agreeing to participate. Planning is in progress for our spring roundtables and workshops. See the Upcoming Dates section for a complete list of the dates. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events!

Early College and Career Academy



Region counselors participated in hands-on Career Cruising training during our September workshop. Over 30 counselors were in attendance!

The EFE #330 Board recently approved an agreement with Parkland College to jointly operate an Early College and Career Academy on the campus of Parkland College, beginning in fall 2015. This program will allow high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to enroll in one of six program areas:

- Automotive
- Computer Networking
- Criminal Justice
- Health Professions – CNA or EMS
- Manufacturing

We are excited to make programming available in these six areas, which are not available at a majority of our member districts. Each school in the cooperative will utilize the program differently, but many of our schools are providing financial resources to cover the cost of instruction and/or transportation for the participating students. These programs will provide a true dual credit opportunity for the students, as they will be earning high school elective credits, as well as Parkland college credit. Students will be able to get

a head start on their post-secondary experience. Many of the programs will also be aligned to industry-recognized certifications and/or Parkland certificates, which will make the students more employable whether they choose to enroll in post-secondary education upon graduation from high school or not. Details are still being finalized, but complete application information should be available in the very near future. Please contact Nick at the EFE #330 office for more information about the Academy.

CTE Grant Updates

FY-15 CTEI Grant

We are in receipt of our July, August, and September state payments. This has enabled us to forward 75% of each district's FY-15 allocation to their district office. Schools should be in the process of spending their 14-15 CTEI grant dollars. At this point, there should be no restrictions on spending. Like previous years, we will send each district the final 25% of their allocation once we receive adequate documentation that the full amount has been obligated. Please let me know if you need assistance with this process.

FY-15 Perkins Grant

We have received requests from all schools. We have already processed orders for several schools and they have received their requested supplies/equipment. We are now processing the remaining requests. Please contact our office with any questions about the Perkins requests. We were able to provide approximately 30% more funding for our schools this year!!

Links to EFE Social Media



Important Upcoming Dates!!

December 2014

December 17 – EFE Full Board Meeting

January 2015

January 6 – 15 – 8th Grade Career Conference
January 21 – EFE Executive Committee Meeting
January 29 – Regional Principals' Meeting

February 2015

February 3 – FCS Roundtable
February 10 – Counselors' Workshop
February 12-13 – IACTE Conference
February 18 – EFE Full Board Meeting
February 20 – Industrial Technology Roundtable
February 26 – Business Roundtable