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TO: District Superintendents of Schools
Superintendents of Public Schools
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Parent Organizations
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SUBJECT: CTE Future Directions E-Forum - November 5, 2009, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Approaching the second decade of the 21st century, the time is right to set directions for the future of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in New York State that will provide students with additional paths to high school graduation and ensure that all students acquire the rigorous knowledge and skills needed to succeed as productive citizens in a global economy. CTE can be better leveraged to help achieve the Regents goals of improving the graduation rate, closing the achievement gap, and enhancing student achievement at all levels.

As part of the efforts to initiate this discussion, the State Education Department (SED), led by staff within the Career and Technical Education Office, developed the CTE Future Directions Initiative. This project included the creation of a diverse Work Group of SED staff, tapping the expertise of national researchers, discussions with a New York State Reactor Panel, exploring connections with New York's Carl D. Perkins State Plan, obtaining feedback from our various statewide CTE networks, and receiving comments through a statewide survey. The Work Group has now developed a Discussion Framework that includes four student-centered and two system-focused priorities with specific proposed actions steps. This blueprint for action is available at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/cte/FutureDirections/framework.html>

The next phase of this initiative features a statewide E-Forum that will be broadcast across eleven sites. The forum sites will be connected using Elluminate technology that will allow stakeholders at each of the sites to provide feedback, engage in discussion, and raise questions and comments with SED staff as well as with their colleagues across the state simultaneously using technology. The basis for the discussion and statewide engagement will be the CTE Discussion Framework. This innovative electronic format has been organized by our CTE Office, with essential support provided by BOCES, SCDN, Teacher Centers, ACTEA, UFT, NYSUT, the New York Comprehensive Center (NYCC), and staff from the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT).

The CTE Future Directions E-Forum will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at each of the locations listed below. There will be limited seats at each location, so those interested in attending should select a location and contact the respective host at that location as soon as possible. As follow-up, selected CTE Content Facilitators at each location will be contacting registered participants to organize their region's report out that will be provided during their assigned time on the meeting agenda. Therefore, when contacting your region's host to reserve a seat, please provide your name, school or organization, phone number, and e-mail so that you can be contacted by the CTE Facilitator to properly prepare in advance of the interactive E-Forum session.

Region	Location	Host
1. Capital Region	Questar III BOCES 10 Empire State Blvd. Castleton, NY	Michelle Rogers mrogers@questar3.org (518) 862-4951
2. Long Island	Joseph M. Barry Career and Technical Education Center 1196 Prospect Ave Westbury NY Room E125	Gene Silverman gsilverm@mail.nasboces.org (516) 396-2390
3. Eastern Long Island	Eastern Suffolk BOCES 201 Sunrise Highway Patchogue, NY 11772	Joan Skelly jskelly@esboces.org (631) 244-4099
4. New York City - Manhattan	UFT-Manhattan 52 Broadway, 18 th Floor, New York, NY	Christina Mazyck cmazyck@ufttc.org (212) 598-9510
5. New York City – Bronx	UFT-Bronx 2500 Halsey St. Bronx, NY 10461	Christina Mazyck cmazyck@ufttc.org (212) 598-9510
6. Syracuse	Syracuse Teacher Center 1153 W. Fayette St. Syracuse, NY 14225	Steve Bittner sbittner@mac.com (315) 435-4217
7. Rochester	Monroe 1 BOCES 41 O'Connor Rd. Fairport, NY 14450	Joyce Cymber Esch joyce_esch@boces.monroe.edu (585) 383-2265 Co-host Karen Finter

Region	Location	Host
8. Buffalo	Erie 1 BOCES 355 Harlem Rd. West Seneca, NY 14224	Margy Jones-Carey mjones-carey@e1b.org (716) 821-7004
9. Hudson Valley	Mid-Hudson Teacher Center 800 Hawk Drive New Paltz, NY 12561	Joe Pesevento joeypez@aol.com (845) 257-2858
10. North Country	Adirondack Education Center 711 State Route 3 Saranac Lake, NY 12983	Leslie LaRose llarose@mail.fehb.org (518) 483-6333
11. Southern Tier	GST BOCES 2475 Corning Rd. Route 14 Elmira, NY 14903	Jenny Dean jdean@gstboces.org (607) 739-3581 Co-Host Nedra Mcelroy

Please contact the respective host at your region as soon as possible to register for the E-Forum. The host will also answer any questions you may have.

Since the forum will be broadcast to the eleven sites through Elluminate, we will be able to archive the session for viewing by those stakeholders who are unable to attend the live session on November 5, 2009. The archive will be made available through our CTE Home Page at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/cte/>.

Thank you for your time and participation in this very critical initiative for our schools, teachers, and students throughout New York.

c: David M. Steiner
John B. King, Jr.
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