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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Administration, Career Technical Leadership and Teachers

FROM: Eric Spencer, Director College and Career Readiness Bureau 

RE: Formally Adopted Career and Technical Programs of Study

Dear School Leaders,

The Public Education Department (PED), College and Career Readiness Bureau (CCRB), has formally adopted seven Career Technical Education (CTE) programs of study as a resource to help schools strengthen career technical education statewide in the coming year.

The CCRB, in accordance with the state's *Career Readiness Initiative* and the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins, Perkins IV, or the Act), is now making these formal programs of study available for local adoption in schools, and you are encouraged to begin using them as part of your comprehensive career technical education curriculum.

The programs of study were finalized for adoption after a meeting with stakeholders on Dec. 16, 2015, and were selected based on the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' priority employment sectors and the National Career Clusters Framework. These nationally developed sequences of CTE courses were developed by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Project Lead the Way (PLTW), the New Mexico Restaurant Association and the New Mexico Hospitality Association. As such, these organizations used well-established and reputable business and industry professionals to validate and endorse the core content and qualifications of what students should know and be able to do in these 21st century career pathways.

The formally adopted programs of study are provided through the PED's Next Step Plan (NSP) template, which provides an individualized educational roadmap for students starting in eighth grade, following them through high school, and ultimately, into a postsecondary degree plan in New Mexico colleges and universities.

The seven adopted programs of study are:

- Innovations in Science and Technology ([SREB Advanced Careers curriculum](#))
- Energy and Power ([SREB Advanced Careers curriculum](#))
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ([PLTW Bio Medical curriculum](#))
- Computer Engineering ([PLTW Computer Science curriculum](#))
- Engineering ([PLTW Engineering curriculum](#))
- Hospitality and Tourism – Lodging Management ([Management Program Recommended Curriculum](#))
- Hospitality and Tourism – Food/Beverage Service ([ProStart Program Overview](#))

These seven programs of study are now made available to schools for local adoption, and will be posted on the [CCRB's Perkins web page](#). We encourage school leaders to adopt these plans and make them part of your institution's rigorous and relevant career and technical education curriculum moving forward. If you have questions or need technical assistance in using these POS templates, call the College and Career Readiness Bureau at (505) 827-6475.