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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — DECEMBER 2019

Council's Second Meeting. The Department of Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Council met on December 12, 2019, in Des Moines to continue the work begun at its first meeting on October 23, 2019. The Council's charge is to provide input and feedback to the Department during the development of the State's plan required under the federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, commonly referred to as Perkins V. The Council is reviewing the implementation of state CTE initiatives established in 2016 Iowa Acts [chapter 1108](#) (HF 2392) and considering changes that would improve programming and help meet the requirements of Perkins V.

Under the federal legislation, Iowa receives approximately \$12.0 million annually for secondary and postsecondary CTE programs at public K-12 schools and community colleges.

Updates Since Last Meeting. Department staff and consultants reviewed the accountability requirements under Perkins V and how CTE is funded by both federal and state dollars. The presenters also highlighted some of the results from small group discussions at the first meeting. The four main areas identified as opportunities for improvement were:

- Engagement with business, parents, students, and other community stakeholders.
- Improving career exploration and guidance for middle school students.
- Addressing equity and access issues.
- Improving teacher recruitment and retention.

The participants broke into four discussion groups for the remainder of the meeting to discuss the four identified topics and provide additional feedback to facilitators.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the CTE Advisory Council will be January 9, 2020. The location will be announced at a later date. A listing of Council members and facilitators can be found [here](#).

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