

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Update**

September 23, 2020

**SUBJECT: CARES Act Rapid Credentialing and CTE Capacity Building Updates**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

N/A

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

N/A

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Adequately preparing the education system to graduate the kind of talent needed to fuel the Florida economy matters now more than ever. In 2019, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-31, which set an ambitious goal for Florida to become number one in the nation for workforce education by 2030. Within the order, the Governor required the Department of Education (department) to develop a way to ensure that Florida's current CTE offerings were of high-quality, and aligned with current and future workforce demand.

Florida's Reopening Schools and CARES Act Plan aimed to strengthen CTE as an engine for economic recovery and prosperity in the state. In alignment with the department's annual CTE audit, the Governor directed \$35 million dollars for the Rapid Credentialing Grant Program, aimed at incentivizing capacity building and the quick completion of students in high value but short term CTE programs at the postsecondary level. In addition, the Governor directed \$10.9 million for CTE Infrastructure Capacity Building at the K12 level. The CTE Infrastructure Capacity Building Program aimed at helping select K12 CTE programs, namely those aligned to a high value industry certification or occupation, purchase the necessary equipment or software to improve program quality but increase enrollment.

Chancellors Mack and Hebda will be providing an update on the two grant opportunities.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** N/A

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