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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
FROM: Loretta Costin, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education
SUBJECT: Race to the Top (RTTT) and Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) has an important role in the Race to the Top (RTTT) initiatives. It is very important that District CTE Directors, in participating school districts, are active participants in preparation of the District's four-year scope of work particularly as it relates to the CTE components under Standards and Assessment B(3) and Struggling Schools E(2)3.

In order to coordinate all of the technical assistance being provided by the Department of Education, a Race to the Top website has been developed. To ensure you have the latest information, visit the Department's RTTT website often at the following link: <http://www.fldoe.org/ARRA/Racetothetop.asp>.

New information, questions and answers, and important updates are posted regularly. Information can also be found by participating in the Department sponsored RTTT webinars. All prior webinars have been recorded and are available on the RTTT website.

To receive the latest updates regarding the RTTT process and to receive notice each time the website is updated, please visit the provided link and subscribe to the listserv:
<http://data.fldoe.org/listserv/racetothetop/>

If you have specific questions related to the CTE components, please submit them to Jodi Tillman at Jodi.Tillman@fldoe.org or at (850)245-9439. Jodi will work with the Department's RTTT team to develop a response and then these questions and answers will be posted on the RTTT Website for the benefit of others.

We are excited about the opportunities available to students in CTE programs as a result of Race to the Top. We look forward to working with you to increase the opportunities for students to participate in quality CTE programs and to improve student achievement.

Thank you.

LC/jt