

As Congress returns from recess and students return from summer break, we're excited to bring you a new resource intended to keep you up-to-date on resources, articles, innovative programs and inspiring individuals in Career Technical Education (CTE). Brought to you by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and Advance CTE, this newsletter is designed for congressional staff who are interested in CTE and related issues. If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or about CTE in general, please don't hesitate to contact <u>Jarrod Nagurka</u>, ACTE or <u>Kathryn Zekus</u>, Advance CTE. If you no longer wish to receive this email, please unsubscribe below.

What We're Reading

Career and Technical Education at a Crossroads, Education Week

Helping Career Education Become a First Choice, Inside Higher Ed

Why Massachusetts' CTE Approach Works - and What Other States Could Learn, Education Dive

Reframing How We Talk About Career and Technical Education, Huffington Post

Not All Career and Technical Education Programs are Created Equal, EdSurge

New Resources Explores Career Readiness in the First 17 ESSA Plans

Career Readiness & the Every Student Succeeds Act: Mapping Career Readiness in State ESSA Plans - Round 1

This brief from Advance CTE and the Education Strategy Group examines where and how career readiness shows up in the first 17 ESSA plans and finds that most states missed a major opportunity to integrate CTE.

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CTE Fact

The graduation rate for CTE concentrators is **93 percent**, 10 percentage points above the national average.

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CTE and Healthcare

CTE plays a critical role in growing and sustaining a skilled workforce across the spectrum of careers. ACTE's Sector Sheets describe CTE's role in building the talent pipeline in vital industry sectors. This month, learn more about CTE's role in preparing the healthcare workforce.



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CTE Champion

ACTE and its Board of Directors have announced Dr. Kenneth Wallace, the superintendent for Maine Township School District #207 in Park Ridge, Illinois, as the 2018 ACTE Champion of the Year. The award recognizes individuals and entities for their meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of CTE.

While assistant superintendent, which included oversight over technology, District #207 became the

first K-12 school district in the world to partner with Google to use Gmail and Google Applications for education. As superintendent, career exploration has also been a major emphasis for Dr. Wallace. He has expanded career-oriented classes, implemented a four-year plan for students to receive help exploring and planning careers, and hired a career coordinator for the district's internship program.

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