

Career and Technical Education Task Force

November 30, 2015 at 3:00PM

First Floor Conference Room - 444 Westminster Street

3:00-3:05 Commence - Joseph DiPina, Providence Public School District

3:05-3:10 Overview of Agenda - Mark Huang, City of Providence

3:10-3:50 Working Groups

1. Strengthening Existing Curriculum
2. Developing Internship Program
3. Deeper Dive into Labor Market Information
4. Criteria for Evaluating Programs

3:50- 4:00 Feedback on other Working Groups

4:00-4:20 Report-Back and Full Group Discussion – Joseph DiPina

4:20 -4:30 Next Steps and Additional Topics – Mark Huang

Working Groups

Working Group 1: Strengthening Existing Curriculum

- Review sample CTE curriculum from PCTA and from Massachusetts
- Identify skills that should be embedded across all strands of CTE programming such as technology skills, workforce readiness and social emotional competencies, and financial empowerment
- *Goal: Recommend skills to be incorporated in CTE curriculum regardless of specialty area.*

Working Group 2: Developing Internship Program

- Debrief of internship process currently
- Discuss opportunities and mechanism for internship programs
- Identify benchmarks for student to be placed into work experiences
- Develop systems of communication between schools and businesses, and systems of support for students
- Discuss ways to address liability issues for local employers
- *Goal: Develop recommendations for PPSD to support student internships with local employers.*

Working Group 3: Deeper Dive into Labor Market Information

- Review State LMI data on wages and industry subcategories
- Review Providence projections from recent Fourth Economy Report
- Discuss additional programs we might need, and which current offerings may not directly connect to jobs
- *Goal: Develop recommendations for new CTE programs for PPSD to consider based on employment trends.*

Working Group 4: Criteria for Evaluating Current CTE Programs

- Review [current RIDE metrics](#) in place
- Review potential models for additional evaluation:
 - Urban assembly [paper](#)
 - Job Corps Metrics
 - 21st Century Skills
 - Student self-assessments
- Discuss methodologies for tracking students after graduation
- *Goal: Develop criteria for PPSD to evaluate current and develop new CTE programs.*

Proposed CTE Task Force Topics and Actions:

- Overview of current CTE programs
 - Review best practices and best CTE programs
 - Make recommendations to adapt best models to Providence Public Schools
 - Develop recommendations for middle school preparation for CTE career programs
 - Analysis of most appropriate sectors of focus for CTE programs in Providence
 - Make recommendations to integrate CTE and workforce development
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Remaining Meetings:

Monday, December 14, 2015 at 3:00-4:30PM

Monday, January 11, 2016 at 3:00-4:30PM

**All meetings will be held in the First Floor Conference Room at the Doorley
Municipal Building (444 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903)**