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District Partnership Council Update: Sept. 2015 **Here's what's happening in Career & Technical Education!**

Professional Development for CTE Instructional Staff: UPDATE

Career and Technical Education teachers completed their second week of professional development with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) on August 14th. The research based professional development training focused on getting our new and current instructors ready for the opening of school in September. As we continue the process of preparing new CTE instructional staff, professional development will continue throughout the 2015-2016 school year. SREB trainers will provide individual coaching focused on strengthening instructional pedagogy.

PTECH Grant - Health Careers Academy

We are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the 2015-2016 PTECH Grant awards. On July 15, 2015, our application was submitted to New York State. If you recall from our prior news blast, our submission was in the Health Careers area looking for funding to create a Clinical Medical Laboratory Technician program and enhance our current Medical Assisting program. We will be updating the Partnership Council on the status of the grant at September's meeting. Keep your fingers crossed!

Formations of Industry Advisory and CTE Program Advisory Councils: UPDATE

We are still soliciting for members for both the "Industry Advisory Council" and the "CTE Advisory Council". We are still in need of recommendations of individuals to fill these committees. Attached is an information sheet that defines the skills and backgrounds of prospective council members. If you have professional colleagues in any of the core program areas that would be interested in participating at this level, we would appreciate your recommendations or suggestions. We will present our status at the September Partnership Council meeting.

Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification / SUNY

Oswego:

During the month of August, the State University of New York at Oswego announced that Syracuse City School District's Career and Technical Education teachers will be the first pilot class under the SREB model to receive college credit towards teacher certification. Completion of the training will allow SCSD CTE teachers to receive six undergraduate credits which they can apply toward certification. SUNY Oswego has also applied for a program waiver with the NYS Department of Higher Education thus creating an alternative CTE teacher certification pathway. With college credits approved for the new CTE Certification pathway, our CTE instructional staff should reach the goal of professional certification within two years. The past process to teacher certification would have taken between three to seven years.

**NYSED Certification Office - Syracuse City School District
Emerging Career Fields Certification Titles**

As discussed at prior Partnership Council meetings, we have asked the New York State Education Department, Certification Office to create teacher certification pathways for Cybersecurity, Computer Forensics, Geospatial Technology and Forensics Science. During a follow-up meeting on August 25th, the NYSED Certification Office requested that Syracuse City School District take the lead on the creation of the new certification titles. Their request for our input on the design and creation of the titles is indicative of the progress that we are making as a school district in introducing new and upcoming career pathways for students. We are in process of working on the new certification titles and will share a draft at the next Partnership Council meeting. As a district, we are appreciative of the opportunity to shape the newly emerging certification titles for New York State.

**New York State Cybersecurity and Computer Forensics
Consortium**

On August 20th, Syracuse City School District and Utica College hosted the first Upstate Cybersecurity and Computer Forensics consortium meeting at Utica College. Representatives from five Upstate school districts convened on UC's campus for the first meeting. The consortium was formed to help school districts understand the growing market needs in the two high tech fields and to establish models for best practices for instruction. Syracuse City School District is seen as a leader in building the new CTE programs in these related fields. At the meeting, Utica College announced that it will be creating pathways to college credit for students. We are optimistic that our SCSD CTE students will have the opportunity to earn nine college credits.

The next Partnership Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday**,

September 29, 2015 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. We will meet at King & King Architects 358 W. Jefferson St. Syracuse, NY 13202. (There is ample parking directly across from the front entrance.)

We look forward to seeing you there. Please call 315-435-4964 with any questions or concerns. We will be happy to assist you.

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