

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

WACTA

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1. Accomplishments Since the Last Report (please identify the strategic plan goal/objective each activity seeks to achieve):

We have launched registration for our upcoming WACTA Spring Conference, April 21-22 in Spokane at the Doubletree. We are currently seeking submissions for session presentations along with securing vendors for the event.

We were also able to fill our WACTA Board Secretary position which remained vacant for the first several months of the school year. Kathleen Proud, CTE Director from Riverside School District was elected into that position at our Fall Conference.

Our CTE Administrative Advisory Committee recently surveyed our Area Groups to determine how many acting CTE Directors currently are in need of CTE Director training and CTE Director certification. We will be diving into that data over the next few months.

2. Emerging Critical Issues/Concerns for WA-ACTE and/or Your Section (for information purposes only):

The Educational Budget crisis and impacts of increased direct charges to CTE budgets continues to be a concern. In addition, recently discovered WAC rules requiring CTE Director certification and training requirements for those serving in a CTE Director capacity has become an area of focus for our group.

3. Emerging Critical Issues/Concerns for the Field of Career and Technical Education (for information purposes only):

The issue of expanding middle school CTE to include 6th grade and other CTE programs beyond STEM continues to be an issue for us and we are fully in alignment with the WA-ACTE Legislative Priorities as it relates to this issue. We are also in alignment with WA-ACTE in support of moving to one single CTE 6-12 allocation for which all 6-12 CTE expenditures can be charged.

In addition, we are hearing from our Plan 2 CTE Teacher Certification program directors that they are having difficulties with enrollment and new expectations and requirements

from the PESB which are unrelated to CTE Teacher preparation and creating significant challenges for these programs. We will be holding a zoom meeting with these directors along with OSPI and our WACTA Executive Board to discuss and address these issues.

4. Other Comments/Suggestions:

None

5. Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Our next WACTA Conference will be April 21-22 in Spokane at the Doubletree with a theme of “Navigating Legislative Waters: Charting a Course for Career and Technical Education”. Our next board meeting will take place around this Spring Conference time.

Items Requested to Be Placed on Board Agenda for Discussion

(Only include items that require Board discussion or action. These will be placed on the Board meeting agenda at the discretion of the President.