

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):

Our new website is now fully up and running and we continue to work with our Communications Committee and members to update information and relevant content. We recently met with our Area Group leads to walk them through the website tools available to support them in their work, including area group folders and agenda/minutes templates to use throughout the upcoming school year.

We are excitedly finalizing the last preparation items for our Fall WACTA Conference on October 17th and 18th at the Ilani Conference center in Ridgefield, Washington. We will have a variety of presenters addressing topics of high interest and need for the field. In addition, we are providing an opportunity for CTE Directors and other Admin across the State to take part in a Government to Government training at the conclusion of WACTA's Fall Conference on October 18th.

We also recently hired a new Executive Assistant for WACTA to assist in administrative support including assisting with our committees, event planning/coordination, and website management. Our new Executive Assistant will officially begin their position on November 1st, 2024.

Finally, we have developed a new data collection tool for our Area Groups to use to gather information about the current state of district directed charges to CTE budgets for positions not directly supporting CTE programs. We recently went through the tool with our Area Group leads with the charge to work with their area groups to complete the tool for their respective school districts. We will be pushing this tool out along with an accompanying instructional video at the end of September.

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. As mentioned earlier, WACTA will be working with Area Groups to gather data regarding the current status of direct charges to CTE budgets for

positions not directly supporting the overall CTE program. We hope to have this data collected by the end of October to provide a much clearer picture of the actual impact across our state.

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

The issue of separate funding sources for middle school and high school CTE continues to be an issue for us. We hope to work on adding 6th grade to CTE funding opportunities, while eliminating the separation of middle school and high school to merge funding as a single source, i.e. Secondary CTE Funding 6-12.

4. Other Comments/Suggestions:

5. Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Our next board meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 in Ridgefield at ilani.

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.