



March 26, 2019

Dear Education Stakeholder,

On July 31, 2018, the President signed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act into law. This bill – which reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins) and is more commonly referred to as Perkins V – is the federal regulation that supports secondary and postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) in Pennsylvania and across the country.

Under Perkins V, states have until April 2020 to develop a State Plan that outlines how the state will implement the new regulations and use federal Perkins funding.

### **Regional Meetings**

To ensure meaningful collaboration in plan development, PDE will host regional meetings to collect feedback from educators, business representatives, and communities. This feedback will assist the department in determining the direction for secondary and postsecondary CTE in Pennsylvania.

During this time, PDE will provide additional details about the Perkins V requirements and facilitate discussions around key policy decisions that will inform the plan.

To register for one of the regional meetings, use the following link: [REGISTER for a Perkins V Regional Meeting.](#)

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**. A confirmation email will be sent to all participants on Friday, April 5, 2019, with additional information.

Scheduled Regional Meetings are 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon:

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**  
**Butler County Community College**  
**Room: Founder's Hall**  
College Drive Oak Hills  
Butler, PA 16003

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**  
**Bucks County Community College**  
**Room: Gallagher Room**  
275 Swamp Road  
Newtown, PA 18940

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**  
**Harrisburg Area Community College**  
**Midtown Campus**  
**Room: Midtown 2 Conference Room 206**  
1500 North 3rd Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Please feel free to reach out directly with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the regional meetings to assist PDE with developing a plan that provides students of all ages with access to career and technical education!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Stem". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew Stem, Deputy Secretary