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TO: Chief School Administrators with CTE

FROM: Marie Barry, Director  
Office of Career and Technical Education

SUBJECT: **2015-2016 Perkins Secondary Application**

The 2015-2016 Secondary Perkins Grant application will be submitted in the Entitlement Web-Enabled Grant system (EWEG). The Department (NJDOE) has been working with the vendor to develop the new Perkins Grant Application that will link program performance, improvement strategies and budget. This added functionality has delayed the availability of the 2015-2016 Secondary Perkins Grant application.

In order to facilitate your commencement of the grant at the beginning of the project period on July 1, 2015, your school district is permitted to expend funds consistent with the approved budget in your 2014-2015 Perkins Grant application. Should you need to incur costs that are not consistent with your currently approved budget, your district should notify us. We recognize that these expenditures may be necessary for the efficient and timely performance of the scope of work for the 2015-2016 project period. Additionally, in order to support the encumbrance of funds starting July 1, 2015 prior to the submission of your 2016 Perkins Grant application in EWEG, your district must submit a request to extend your Five Year Plan for CTE as described below.

The NJDOE has requested an extension from the United States Department of Education (USDE) for our State Five-Year Plan for CTE for 2015-2016 with some revisions. Accordingly, local grantees must also request an extension of your Five-Year Plan for CTE for 2015-2016. You can request to extend of your Five-Year Plan for CTE for 2015-2016 by submitting a letter from you as Chief School Administrator to my attention in the Office of Career and Technical Education at the New Jersey Department of Education, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625, indicating that you would like to extend your Five-Year Plan for CTE with or without revisions. If newly approved CTE programs/programs of study or CTE related initiatives will be implemented during the 2015-16 project period and are not in your currently approved Five-Year Plan for CTE, you must request to extend your plan with revisions.

Districts will be notified once the 2015-2016 Perkins Secondary Grant application is available. The due date for submitting the application will be listed in the announcement of application release. Further details regarding the Perkins Grant application including information about training and webinars will be provided and posted on our website at: <http://nj.gov/education/cte/perkins/> once the application is released.

If you or your staff have questions regarding the Perkins grant application please contact your district's Perkins Grant program officer. A list of Perkins Grant program officers is accessible on our website or by clicking the link <http://nj.gov/education/cte/contact.htm#perkins> .

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