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ITEM 182-102-R0319

Request for Approval of the 2019-2020 (1-Year) Transition Plan for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century (Perkins V) Act

THAT

The Board of Regents, as the eligible agency for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act federal grant, provides approval of the 1-Year Transition Plan for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act prior to submission of the plan to the U.S. Department of Education

EXPLANATION

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education (Board of Regents) is the designated state board to coordinate the development and submission of the state plan for career and technical education as required by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century (Perkins V) Act.

The State agencies responsible for career and technical education in Montana are the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and the Division of Career, Technical and Adult Education of the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

The Board of Regents submits this 1-Year Montana State Plan for Career and Technical Education under provisions of Perkins V covering the period of state fiscal year 2019. On behalf of the Board of Regents, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education will review the state's implementation of the state plan as reflected in the end-of-year performance reports submitted by local recipients.

It must be noted that this state plan, following suit with the previous (Perkins IV) state plan, centers on a leadership structure that fosters a strong partnership between the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and the Office of Public Instruction. Collaborative decision-making in the management of federal funds that support career and technical education at both the secondary and postsecondary level is its strength.

While the 1-year transition plan is in effect, OCHE and OPI will conduct the research, consultation and writing required to complete the Multi-Year State Plan for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, to be submitted in April 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) State Plan – Montana 1-Year Transition Plan