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TO: Board of Education
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SUBJ: INFORMATION ITEM (Career and College Promise)

Enclosed is an update on the Career and College Promise (CCP) initiative of the state. The CCP replaces the Learn and Earn model of the past and allows our students to take college level course for high school and college credit while still in high school. This model will encourage more students to take college level courses and provide a tremendous cost savings to parents of college students in that credits will be earned that can apply toward college graduation.

I will also be available to answer any questions you may have.



"All students, no matter where they live, must graduate with the skills they need for a career, two- or four-year college or technical training."

Gov. Bev Perdue

Gov. Perdue's Career & College Promise

In today's global economy, successful careers could require a two- or four-year degree, a diploma or a nationally-recognized job credential.

Gov. Bev Perdue's Career & College Promise offers North Carolina high school age students a clear, focused and affordable path to future success. Qualified North Carolina high-school age students can begin their two- or four-year college work, tuition free, while they are in high school allowing them to get a head start on their workplace and college preparation.

The program is free to all students who maintain a "B" average and meet other eligibility requirements.

Career & College Promise provides three pathways to help advance eligible students' post-high school success:

- **College Transfer** – Earn tuition-free course credits toward a four-year degree through North Carolina's community colleges. Students who complete a 44-hour credit program will be able to transfer all of their credit to all UNC institutions and many of NC's Independent Colleges and Universities.
- **Technical Career** – Earn tuition-free course credits at an NC Community College toward an entry-level job credential, certificate or diploma in a technical career.
- **Innovative High Schools (limited availability)** – Begin earning tuition-free college credits as a high-school freshman by attending a Cooperative Innovative High School.

For more information, visit www.careercollegenc.org.

Career & College Promise Pathway Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements

College Transfer Pathway	Career Technical Education Pathway	Cooperative Innovative High School Pathway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Earn college transfer credits that transfer seamlessly to any public or participating private college or university (Students must complete 44 hours to ensure credit transfer). <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced cost for a two- or four-year degree. <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated completion of a diploma, associate degree or four-year degree. <input type="checkbox"/> Develops skills for success at the next level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Earn tuition-free course credits at an NC Community College toward an entry-level job credential, certificate or diploma in a technical career. <input type="checkbox"/> Includes applied academic skills needed for workplace success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides innovative educational opportunities for students in grades 9-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Emphasis on first-generation college students <input type="checkbox"/> Enables students to complete a high school diploma and two years of college credit in four-to-five years <input type="checkbox"/> Prepares students for future learning in the workplace or in higher education
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be a high school junior or senior as of January 2012 or later. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter the program with a weighted 3.0 GPA and maintain a 2.0 on college coursework after completing two courses. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to make progress toward high school graduation. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate college readiness I English, reading and mathematics on an approved assessment or placement test (visit careercollegenc.org for details). <input type="checkbox"/> Select a program of study. 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be a high school junior or senior as of January 2012 or later. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter the program with a weighted 3.0 GPA (or have a principal's recommendation) and maintain a 2.0 on college coursework after completing two courses. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to make progress toward high school graduation. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate career and college readiness through career pathway prerequisites. <input type="checkbox"/> Take PLAN assessment while in grade 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Select a program of study. 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be a high school student in grades 9 to 12 with access to a cooperative innovative high school approved by the State Board of Education. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet the eligibility requirements established by the local board of education and higher education partner as required in GS Chapter 115C-238.50