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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED

Subject: Feedback Request for Industry-based Certifications and Certificates

Responding to this request is an opportunity for you to help in the development of Domain IV of the state's accountability system that will be implemented in the 2017 school year. Please take advantage of this opportunity by providing feedback, as outlined below.

Background:

House Bill 2804 (84th Texas Legislature, 2015) requires the state to include the percentage of students who earn an industry certification in Domain IV (College and Career Readiness). In 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §74.14 (e),(2) this certification is defined as

…an industry validated credential that complies with knowledge and skills standards promulgated by a nationally or internationally recognized business industry profession or government entity representing a particular profession or occupation that is issued by or endorsed by:

(A) a national or international business, industry, or professional organization;
(B) a state agency or other government entity; or
(C) a state-based industry association.

TEA has compiled a list of third

1. Nationally- or internationally- recognized Certifications that are nationally or internationally recognized through

<u>Request for Feedback</u>

Local education agencies are encouraged to submit feedback regarding the attached proposed list of 67 certifications for inclusion within Domain IV of the state's new accountability system.

Feedback will be collected through completion of an online survey at the following link-https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXCerts. The survey will close on March 15, 2017.

When providing feedback, please consider the following:

1. Any proposed additions to the list of certifications must meet the statutory requirement of the certification being issued by a nationally-, internationally-, or state-recognized entity.

2. Proposed additions must also meet the additional criteria outlined above
   a. End of Program certification
   b. Stackable (direct transference to postsecondary work or additional industry certifications and opportunities)
   c. Industry Valued

3. All feedback should include a detailed rationale for the certification's inclusion, based on the required criteria.

For additional information and frequently asked questions about the list of certifications, please see the attached FAQ document. If you have further questions, please contact Kelly Ocasio at kelly.ocasio@tea.texas.gov

Attachments: Proposed Industry-based Certifications
                    Industry Certifications FAQ