
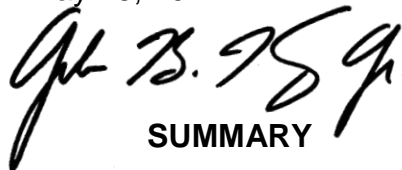




TO: P-12 Education Committee
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SUBJECT: Panel Discussion on the Benefits of Participation in
Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO)

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AUTHORIZATION(S):


SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

The P-12 Education Committee has heard from a variety of Career and Technical Education (CTE) stakeholders on the benefits and achievements for participating students. The student panel will provide a complementary perspective based on their participation in career and technical student organizations (CTSO) and its impact on their education and career aspirations.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For Information.

Proposed Handling

The panel will come before the P-12 Education Committee at their May 2014 meeting.

Procedural History

CTSO's provide another strategy for school districts and BOCES to teach students the key behaviors and attitudes needed to be successful in college and careers. Along with these behaviors and attitudes commonly referred to as "soft skills", students use their technical and academic knowledge through performance-based competitive events to demonstrate their college and career readiness. CTE teachers act as advisors to the local organization chapters. Many of the events are sponsored and judged by representatives of business and industry associated with the specific occupational area.

Background Information

The panelists are members of SkillsUSA, the largest of the 7 student organizations aligned with CTE-related subject areas. Students in SkillsUSA are typically enrolled in trade and technical subjects in school districts and BOCES throughout NYS. Attachment A provides information on each of the 7 student organizations.

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Discussion Questions

- What specific skills have you gained from participation in your student organization?
- How does your participation in this student organization help you academically?
- What did you learn from participating in the competitive events?
- What will be your future education and career choice?
- How/Why did you choose your program?
- What is most challenging about your program compared to your traditional courses?

Career & Technical Student Organizations

Value Added to CTE Programs

What are Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)?

CTSOs integrate the career and technical education (CTE) curriculum while promoting leadership skills, career readiness, community involvement, and competition. They continue to be integral to the curriculum and an important part of 21st century CTE programs.

Why start or support a CTSO?

CTSOs benefit a variety of stakeholders. Below are just a few of the many benefits.

Students

- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Gain personal recognition
- Engage in volunteer opportunities
- Increase community awareness
- Enhance decision-making/problem-solving skills
- Network with other students, colleges, and employers
- Experience the democratic process
- Interact socially on a local, state and national level

Advisors

- Academic programs gain value from a CTSO
- Student interest in CTSOs positively impacts course enrollments
- Support from and networking with other advisors is enhanced
- Personal satisfaction results from watching students grow and succeed
- Common Core State Standards are reinforced through student involvement in CTSOs

CTSOs are Chartered by the New York State Board of Regents

School Districts

- Students are better prepared academically and socially for college and careers
- Students have a positive impact on the school and community
- CTSOs foster relationships between school district and local businesses
- Students develop career readiness skills
- Pride and recognition accrue to the school district – each CTSO is Chartered by the Board of Regents

Business and Community Leaders

- CTSOs are a source for future employees
- CTSOs provide a forum to communicate their needs regarding the preparation of future employees
- Creative ideas and new perspectives are brought to business and community by CTSOs
- Business participation with CTSOs fosters positive community minded image

Content-specific CTSOs

DECA-formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America. Prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. www.newyorkdeca.com or www.deca.org

FBLA-Future Business Leaders of America. Prepares students in all areas of business and related fields by bringing business and education together through innovative leadership and career development programs. www.nysfbla.org or www.fbla.org

FCCLA-Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Promotes personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Science Education. www.nysfcccla.org or www.fcclainc.org

FFA-formerly Future Farmers of America, now National FFA Organization. Involves students in all aspects of the diverse field of agriculture. www.nysffa.org or www.ffa.org

HOSA-Future Health Professionals of America. Promotes career opportunities in health care to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. www.newyorkhosa.org or www.hosa.org

SkillsUSA-formerly Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). Serves teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. <http://nysskillsusa.org> or www.skillsusa.org

TSA-Technology Student Association. Provides leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Students learn to apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) concepts through co-curricular programs. <http://nystsa.com> or www.tsaweb.org

The state and national websites give information on starting a club or chapter and developing membership. You may also contact the people listed for information specific to CTSOs in New York State.

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