

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mortimer, Vice Chairman Thayn, Senators Winder, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Den Hartog and Buckner-Webb

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CONVENED: **Chairman Mortimer** called the Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:03 p.m.

PRESENTATION: **Dwight Johnson**, State Administrator, Career Technical Education (CTE), introduced the Idaho CTE student leaders: Nikoli Carlquist, President, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Hazelton; Matthew Taylor, President, SkillsUSA, Meridian; and Emily White, Vice President, Business Professionals of America (BPA), Shelley.

Each student leader spoke about their experiences in their respective club programs and about the benefits of the CTE classroom teachings. They stated those experiences have helped them develop confidence and given them the ability to set long-term career goals.

In response to questions, the student leaders each recounted the dual credit course work which lead to certification, as well as their after high school plans.

Chairman Mortimer thanked them for the update and invited Dwight Johnson to give the CTE Agency presentation; CTE Overview.

PRESENTATION: **Mr. Johnson** announced to the Committee that CTE is celebrating 100 years of Career Readiness. He said in 1919, Governor Alexander Moses signed into law House Bill 26, which created the Idaho Division of Vocational Education. He detailed the current mission of CTE and explained its importance and listed the broad spectrum of today's CTE programs. He reminded the Committee that CTE is no longer "Grandfather's shop class." He named the seven CTE student organizations and told about the programs that are housed in each one.

Mr. Johnson reviewed student enrollment at the workforce centers across the state and spoke about the variety of courses that are offered. He said there are three strategic areas CTE is focusing on to achieve its mission: 1.) Attracting students; 2.) Expand capacity; and 3.) Improve quality. He detailed strategies and programs for each goal .

Mr. Johnson concluded his presentation with reference to the unanimous reauthorization of the Federal Perkins Act, which helps fund many state programs and sites (Attachment 1).

In response to questions, **Mr. Johnson** explained the Pathway course completion, the apprenticeship workforce training, and the opportunities for dual credits in CTE programs. He emphasized the need to expand the variety of CTE programs and change the perceived image. It is his hope that there could be a better marketing strategy to promote the benefits and careers for students. He recounted the workforce shortages in the positions CTE equips people to fill. He spoke about the merits of the middle school initiative in helping to fulfill the workforce shortage and the desire to engage college and career advisors to be aware of the CTE opportunities.

Chairman Mortimer thanked Mr. Johnson and the CTE student leaders for sharing their enthusiasm and the programs' ongoing efforts.

**RECORDING
LINK:**

To hear the Career Technical Education Overview, go to:
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/standingcommittees/SEDU/>.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Mortimer** adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Senator Dean M. Mortimer
Chair

LeAnn Mohr
Secretary