



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Superintendents of Schools

**FROM:** Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Reading/Literacy Director 

**DATE:** May 16, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Perkins V: Today's Skills – Tomorrow's Careers

On July 31, 2018, President Trump signed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act into law. This bill amends the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) and this amended act is now referred to as Perkins V. The passage of Perkins V provides new opportunities to improve Career and Technical Education (CTE) and enables more flexibility for Connecticut to meet the unique needs of our learners, educators, and employers.

Attached is the *Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Perkins Intent to Apply for the 2019–20 School Year*. Once the Intent to Apply form is signed by the Superintendent of Schools and returned to the CSDE, a list of eligible recipients will be compiled for formula grant calculation purposes.

As per the instructions on the attached form, please return the scanned form with an original signature to Suzanne Alicea at [Suzanne.Alicea@ct.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Alicea@ct.gov) by 1:00 p.m., on Monday, June 3, 2019.

In the next 10 years, students graduating in Connecticut will have access to more than 111,000 competitive, high-wage Connecticut career opportunities. The top growing Connecticut industries include health care, computer systems design, and manufacturing. To ensure our students are prepared, it must be a priority for our schools and districts to provide rigorous Kindergarten through Grade 12 reading and mathematics instruction that incorporates career and technical education connected pathways of learning. The CSDE remains committed to providing professional learning opportunities and resources to support schools and districts in providing today's students with the skills necessary to ensure success in tomorrow's careers.

To learn more Perkins V and Today's Skills – Tomorrow's Careers visit the dedicated [CSDE Perkins V Webpage](#). To help inform the Connecticut Career and Technical Education (CTE) State Plan 2020–23 please complete the [Stakeholder Survey](#) by July 1, 2019.

Any questions CTE and Perkins V may be directed to Harold Mackin at [Harold.Mackin@ct.gov](mailto:Harold.Mackin@ct.gov) or (860) 713-6779 and Suzanne Vita Loud at [Suzanne.Loud@ct.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Loud@ct.gov) or (860) 713-6746.

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cc: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education

Enclosure (1)



**CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CSDE)  
PERKINS V CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION INTENT TO APPLY FOR  
THE 2019–20 SCHOOL YEAR**

Name of Eligible Secondary Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- Intends to apply for Perkins funds in 2019–20.
- Does not intend to apply for Perkins funds in 2019–20 and hereby releases such funds for redistribution to other eligible recipients.

Check one:

- Intends to join a consortium in 2019–20. Name of the proposed lead/fiscal agency:

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- Does not intend to join a consortium in 2019–20.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned  
superintendent of schools, submit this intent to apply on behalf of the eligible secondary  
recipient.

**Signature of Superintendent of Schools:**

Name (typed):

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Date:

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Scan and email this form with original superintendent's signature to Suzanne Alicea at [Suzanne.Alicea@ct.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Alicea@ct.gov) by 1:00 p.m., on Monday, June 3, 2019.