KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE REVIEW ITEM

Topic: Communicating College and Career Opportunities to Kentucky Students	
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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

Futuriti is a website where people in Kentucky can find information about careers, education, financial aid, and job opportunities—all in one place. It is a multi-agency collaboration born out of the state's P-20 education and workforce council, the Commonwealth Education Continuum.

The website includes:

- Job descriptions and wages for more than 700 careers;
- Highlights of in-demand Kentucky careers;
- Cost, completion and debt information on all public and private universities, community colleges, and technical schools in the Commonwealth;
- A listing of the majors offered at Kentucky public and private universities;
- o All career pathways offered at each Kentucky high school and technical center.

The website will be promoted in Kentucky middle and high schools and Kentucky Career Center and Adult Education offices.

The website provides a way for Kentuckians to see the high-demand jobs clearly and helps them to plan and take the classes they need to earn the credentials required for these careers.

The Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board recently announced the state's new top five high-demand job sectors: Healthcare, Construction, Education, Manufacturing and Logistics, and Professional, scientific, and Technical Services. <u>Futuriti provides highlights of careers</u> in these sectors and links to relevant state scholarship opportunities.

KDE's Office of Career and Technical Education worked closely with the Futuriti Development Team throughout the project to ensure that the website highlighted the state's 135 career pathways and 13 CTE program areas.

Futuriti includes student-friendly language that helps students understand the importance of career pathways and the TRACK apprenticeship program.

Students also can use Futuriti to find out which CTE programs are offered at their high schools and at affiliated schools within the Kentucky Tech System.

The Futuriti Development Team met with KDE's Commissioner's Student Advisory Council twice to collect feedback from high school students on what should be included in the site.

With "Education" now being one of Kentucky's high-demand career sectors featured within Futuriti, a new avenue exists to make Kentuckians aware of the thousands of teaching and education-support positions open through 2032.

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