# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE)
# STAFF NOTE: REVIEW ITEM

**Topic:** The State of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Kentucky
**Date:** February 2026
**Action Requested:** ☒Review ☐Action/Consent ☐Action/Discussion
**Held In:** ☒Full Board ☐State Schools ☐United We Learn

## SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

Every February, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) community celebrates CTE Month raising awareness of how CTE prepares students for college and career success. CTE Month is also a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of our CTE partners at the local, state, and national levels. Kentucky CTE streamlines programs to make every credit count through a rigorous, career-focused, K-12, **AND** postsecondary curriculum. Today's approach to career and technical education is transforming how we create a qualified workforce for employers. Board members will hear a brief update regarding the current State of Career and Technical Education in Kentucky including the following:

- CTE program areas and pathways
- CTE Data
- Career and Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) membership and state conference dates with judging opportunity links
- Overview of CTE supplemental funding
- The future of CTE and emerging technology integration
- Middle school career exploration

We ask the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) members to continue advocating for the funding and expansion of CTE opportunities for our students to meet workforce demands.

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**GOALS/PRIORITIES: Indicate all applicable options.**

☒ **Foster Educational Innovation Through Vibrant Learning Experiences**
☒ **Advance Educational Excellence Through Continuous Professional Improvement**
☒ **Cultivate Collaborative Partnerships**

☐ **Legislation**
☐ **Commissioner's Management**