

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

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


**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:**

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) will provide an update to the State School Committee regarding the CTE salary workgroup and amendments to 16 KAR 2:020.

A brief presentation will include the work of the CTE salary workgroup thus far for exploring strategies for increasing KRS 156 salaries and the proposed amendments and status of 16 KAR 2:020 Occupation-based teacher certification.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Educational Innovation Through Vibrant Learning Experiences                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advance Educational Excellence Through Continuous Professional Improvement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultivate Collaborative Partnerships                                       |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner's Management  |