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## ADVISORY

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**State Board of Education and Community College Board  
seek input to strengthen career-connected learning for all  
students**

*Roadshow to inform five-year plan for career and technical  
education*

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) will host a series of regional meetings to present information and gather input on how to strengthen career-connected learning for all students in Illinois. Feedback from business, community, and educational leaders will inform ISBE’s five-year plan for career and technical education (CTE) in the state.

ISBE and ICCB are requesting feedback to improve CTE program development and evaluation so all students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to thrive in their chosen path after high school. The federal reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins CTE Act contains opportunities to increase students’ industry connections, better align education and workforce systems, strengthen teacher and faculty pipelines, increase success of underserved students, expand dual-credit partnerships, support innovative practices, and broaden the reach and scope of guidance counseling.

The development of the five-year plan coincides with other statewide efforts, including Illinois’ [competency-based learning](#) pilot, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act implementation, [Postsecondary and Career Expectations](#) framework, [college and career pathway](#) diploma endorsements, and multiple-measure [definition of college and career readiness](#) for accountability.

Stakeholders can submit feedback via email to [Perkins@isbe.net](mailto:Perkins@isbe.net) and learn more at [www.isbe.net/CTE](http://www.isbe.net/CTE).

**WHAT:** Opportunity for business, industry, community, and educational leaders; students; and families to inform Illinois' five-year plan for career and technical education

**WHO:** Hosted by ICCB Director of CTE Whitney Thompson and ISBE Director of Curriculum and Instruction Marci Johnson

- WHEN/  
WHERE:**
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Dec 4. at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 College Parkway, Palos Hills
  - 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Dec. 6 at Crowne Plaza, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield
  - 5-7 p.m., Dec. 10 at Dr. Nick Osborne Primary Center, 401 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon
  - 5-7 p.m., Dec. 12 at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin

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