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# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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## DCTC Program Advisory Committee Meeting

On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, the staff at DCTC held the first Program Advisory Committee meeting for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Each technical program at the Dorchester Career and Technology Center has an advisory committee that meets two or three times per year. The members of the committee serve in an advisory capacity and help to ensure that the technical programs are meeting the needs of local employers and DCPS students.

The function of the committees is to:

- Allow the community to be linked to the educational system via business, industry, and labor representatives that add expertise and resources to the CTE program;
- Identify new and emerging fields and modify existing programs;
- Promote communication among education, business, and industry regarding employment needs of the community;
- Identify new and emerging fields (both local and global) and modify existing programs;
- Strengthen programs by providing student competency lists and reviewing curriculum;
- Ensure that each career pathway academic ladder matches the corresponding industry career ladder and promote career pathways within the community;
- Review student outcomes (completion rates, placement rates, and state licensing examination outcomes);
- Ensure that programs are relevant and up-to-date by assessing the equipment and facilities available and make recommendations as needed;
- Provide work-based learning experiences for learners;
- Provide training opportunities for educators;
- Advocate programs to communities and legislators and seek legislative support for career pathways if needed;
- Assist with placement of program completers; and
- Leverage community resources (equipment, facilities, materials, and broker community partnerships).



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