**Adult, Alternative, and Career Technical Education**

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**MAJOR POLICY** – Immediate Action (2/3rd vote required)

Funding, Career Technical Education, pg. 256. Add the following paragraph:

CTA believes districts should adequately fund Adult Education, Alternative Education and CTE programs. Many of these programs lead to careers in fields that are currently considered essential, such as healthcare, construction, IT, automotive, agriculture, etc.  Drastic budget cuts to these programs is not equitable, devastating career and technical education, alternative education, and Adult Education. CTA further believes these proposed funding cuts will lead to severe setbacks to the progress the state has made in funding, creating and sustaining these programs over the last decade.

Rationale: These programs provide essential support for schools and communities. Many times, these programs are the reasons students WANT to participate in school. Research has shown that these programs improve graduation rates in the LEA’s where they exist. Currently, the Governor’s proposed budget cuts reduces CTE and Adult Education funding disproportionately by 52%, which will decimate the programs needed for students to enter these essential fields. These programs are essential to our economic recovery.

**MAJOR POLICY** – First Reading

None

**MAJOR POLICY** – Second Reading

None

**MATTERS PENDING**

None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. CITEA Liaison report, Ruth Leuvand: CITEA has been meeting regularly, discussing how to move programs online if needed. With budget cuts there is concern that CTE programs will be cut.
2. CACTE Liaison report, Edward Youngblood: CTE has also been meeting regularly, virtually.
3. ACTE member Lance Gunnersen was chosen to be on a state level workgroup around CTE. He reported that they reviewed a questionnaire on how to reopen schools. The recommendation from the committee was that the state should pay for internet access for students, not individual districts. Also, many of the shop programs are in a unique position to allow for virtual learning. However, because of the necessary hands-on learning needed many districts are also considering a safe distancing in-person component.
4. California Council on Adult Ed Liaison Margarita Ortiz: CCAE is looking to manage budget cuts without decimating programs. In her district they let go temporary adult ed teachers who had been with the district for 10 years. The district is planning on using some of the classrooms used for Adult Ed for elementary classes to provide better social distancing.
5. Legislative Advocate Patricia Rucker spoke about possible cuts to CTE programs, reminding that the state is currently undergoing Perkins V reauthorization, which requires a broad program of study, specifically including CTE. CTE is not an elective or a secondary consideration, it is CORE to the education program.
6. CTA Board Liaison Mike Patterson: You’ve all seen the May revise, which was quite shocking for education, especially the CTEIG funding, Adult Ed and Agriculture. CTA’s response to the May revise includes pushing back on the education cuts in general, but also to these targeted programs. What can we do? Please call 855-977-1770 and reach out to your law makers to oppose the Governor’s proposed budget cuts. There has been some movement to changes on the College and Career Readiness dashboard, finally approving the recommended changes from 2016.
7. ACT held elections for offices. Kristin Montoya was re-elected as committee chair and Laura Araujo-Salinas as secretary. Melody McGill was elected as the vice chair. Congratulations!
8. Sub-Committee Reports:
   1. Legislation: ACT had no legislation at this time.
   2. CTE: Has language to propose for CTE and Adult Ed Funding.
   3. Adult Ed: No report.
   4. Alternative Ed: No report.
9. The committee wants to recognize the amazing work done by Colin Davis, who is terming off of Council.