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TO: Superintendent Jeff Stephens, Board President Jon Ritchie, WSD Board Members

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SUBJECT: Board Presentation - Positive Impacts of Career and Technical Education on Student Learning

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and their related Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are an integral part of student learning in Weber School District. CTE courses are cutting-edge, rigorous and relevant and prepare students for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill and high-demand careers.

According to Dr. Rod Belnap, the Director of CTE, CTE course completion allowed over 20,000 college credits to be earned by students in 2019-2020 and resulted in 86% of students in a CTE pathway being placed either in employment or in post-secondary education. Additionally, 275 students completed work-based learning internships with 77 different industry partners. Weber School District's participation in CTOS is number one in the state with over 2,400 students participating.

Although the data speaks for itself, we wanted to provide the Board with an opportunity to hear from some of the students who have been especially impacted by their participation in CTE courses and CTOS. Their stories are powerful and clearly demonstrate the amazing outcomes from CTE. They will be joined by their CTE teacher and by the appropriate CTE Coordinator.

Dr. Rod Belnap will begin the presentation and will introduce the group to the Board.