## Ector County Independent School District Odessa, Texas

## **Memorandum**

TO:	Board of	<b>Trustees</b>
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**FROM:** Tom Crowe, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INNOVATIVE COURSES

**DATE:** November 15, 2016

Career & Technical Education requests the Board's acceptance of the utilization of two innovative TEA courses for the 2017-18 school year. Those courses are Advanced Culinary Arts and Oil & Gas Production I. TEA has altered the credit counts of many CTE courses for the coming year; therefore, it is necessary to add Advanced Culinary Arts to the Culinary pathway. Additionally, a partnership is underway with UTPB to pair Oil & Gas I with the college course Petroleum Engineering. TEA requires Board approval for the use of innovative courses.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the utilization of innovative courses Advanced Culinary Arts and Oil & Gas Production I as presented.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Tom Crowe**Superintendent of Schools

**Roy Garcia**Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education