



Cover Letter for a Resolution of Support for Inclusion of BBRCTE programs in TVEP Funding

To: Alaska State Legislature

From: The Lake and Peninsula School District (LPSD)

The Bristol Bay Region Career and Technical Education Consortium (BBRCTE) was formed over a dozen years ago to address the need for career and technical education in the Bristol Bay region. BBRCTE is focused on introducing high school students to regional career opportunities. The consortium of the four school districts in the Bristol Bay Region offers residential intensive and semester-long coursework leading to college credit and/or industry recognized certifications to high school students within the region.

The Board of Directors of LPSD supports the inclusion of BBRCTE in funding under the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) per the attached resolution.

TVEP has been a critical funding mechanism for a number of programs bridging from secondary to post-secondary education, and has helped create pathways to good jobs for Alaskans in many areas of the state. The University of Alaska and several regional training centers have been major players in utilizing the funds to train Alaskans with job and employability skills to fit both the local and state-wide economies, but their reach into the K-20 space has been limited. For thirteen years, BBRCTE has provided a bridge program to prepare high school students for successful entry into the workforce.

TVEP provides a stable funding source for the development and operation of both training programs and capacity building for the providers to help maintain an educational infrastructure that is accessible regionally. The UA and the regional training centers are currently stretched and need to be able to deliver training across distances through both technology and direct instruction. The TVEP is a major resource for those institutions. BBRCTE is among the state's leading career and technical education providers, and provides content beyond the reach of existing programs.

The Lake and Peninsula School District would like to reiterate our continuing advocacy of the TVEP as an integral part of the state's education plan. We strongly support the inclusion of BBRCTE in TVEP funding as a support in efforts to provide training as a critical piece of workforce development. We hope to work to provide insights to the Legislature, as well as to continue the dialogue with employers, educators, parents and communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this resolution,

Gerda Kosbruk, Board President  
Lake and Peninsula School District



LPSD RESOLUTION 25-02

Supporting BBRCTE Inclusion in the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP)

WHEREAS, the mission of the Bristol Bay Region Career & Technical Education Consortium (BBRCTE) is to provide high school students with regional career opportunities to ensure all students have access to quality career and technical education (CTE) offerings;

WHEREAS, BBRCTE is a long-standing consortium of the four school districts in the Bristol Bay region, formed thirteen years ago, to address CTE needs in the region's public schools that were going unmet due to funding shortfalls;

WHEREAS, the member organizations of BBRCTE have, since its inception, made it a priority to support the consortium's activities, by weaving many short-term funding sources together to meet the goal of providing quality programs;

WHEREAS, stable funding sources, like TVEP, promote both growth and the development of sustainable, targeted workforce development and training programs;

WHEREAS, in a challenging fiscal environment, fully-funding workforce development, and training programs must be a budget priority by our state to assure all Alaskans have access to gain the necessary skills for career opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) has proven to be integral to maintaining career and technical education programs across the state;

WHEREAS, BBRCTE is a thriving, high-quality program, successfully offering more than forty residential intensive and distance/blended courses providing over six hundred and fifty seats during the 2023-2024 school year leading to increased skills, college credit and/or industry recognized certifications to high school students within the region;

WHEREAS, BBRCTE continues to develop new pathways in active collaboration with numerous state and regional entities, including the Alaska Departments of Labor and Education and Early Development, to address pressing training and employment needs in Alaska, through initiatives like its innovative Education Apprenticeship program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Lake and Peninsula School District requests that the Alaska Legislature include BBRCTE in the TVEP program to increase the long-term viability of its programming, and that the Alaska Legislature continue funding this essential program for our state.

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Gerda Kosbruk, Board President  
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