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To: West Orange-Cove CISD Board of Trustees

From: Silvia E. Martinez, Ed.D.

Re: **Course Requirement Modifications**

To better prepare our students for college and career readiness, the following modifications to course requirements for 8th and 9th grade students are requested:

Consideration:

8th grade - Career Exploration & Health (1 semester requirement for each course)

9th grade – Business Information Management (BIM) (1 semester requirement)

Rationale:

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

1. Increased student preparedness for career and college readiness by introducing career portals course at middle school leading to increased student participation in CTE High School courses and increased student participation in CTE coherent sequence.
2. Increased district funding for student participation in BIM course.
3. Opportunities for students to gain exposure to keyboarding and software applications relevant to 21st Century skill.

Health

1. Earlier student knowledge as a mechanism to guide students toward better decision-making.
2. Opportunity for middle school students to earn high school credit.