

January 11, 1999

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vocational Education Contacts

FROM: Elizabeth C. Brown

SUBJECT: Meeting, February 17, 1999
Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998

As you know by now, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 became law on October 31, 1998. Thanks to your e-mails, phone calls, and letters to your representatives, we experienced few major changes.

I have purposely not held meetings to discuss the Act until I had the opportunity to hear the U. S. Department of Education discuss their views. Last month I had that opportunity and now feel I can discuss Perkins III with you in a somewhat knowledgeable manner. I have also met with a group from the vocational education section of the Department of Public Instruction to discuss our State Plan as well as interpretation of the Act.

On February 17, 1999, there will be a joint meeting of Community College vocational education contacts and the vocational education directors from the Department of Public Instruction in Greensboro to discuss certain aspects of the new Act, such as the State measures of performance and the impact the new Act has on local recipients. Following the general session there will be a group breakout for further discussions. My reasoning for a joint meeting is the opportunity to collaborate on the State core measures of performance and the local application requirements, a place has already been reserved, and of course the opportunity to carpool (if feasible).

Notification of the exact location in Greensboro and the time, along with a copy of the Act will be mailed to you at a later date.

To assist us in making arrangements and having appropriate copies of information for everyone, please let me know **quickly** by e-mail (browne@ncccs.cc.nc.us) or phone (919-733-7051) if you will be able to attend.

This meeting will be followed by regional meetings in order to provide more details and an opportunity to include others from your college who are involved with Perkins.

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