

November 2014 Quarterly Update

Call to Action

This quarter's focus is *Aligning CTE with Alaska's Workforce Development Plans*. Did you know by the end of this year Alaska will have four high-priority industries with active workforce development plans?

- Alaska's workforce development plans are:
 - ✓ [Health](#)
 - ✓ [Maritime](#)
 - ✓ [Oil & Gas](#)
 - ✓ Mining (To be published December 2014. Watch [Alaska Miners Association](#) website.)
- How does the CTE Plan align with these plans? - [Download an Excel Crosswalk here](#)

Alaska CTE Plan Update

- ✓ Check out the [Alaska CTE Plan Scorecard](#) to see activities for this quarter and year.
- ✓ Review the [Alaska CTE Plan Status Update](#) and [letter of recommitment](#) from Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Labor, and University of Alaska President.

Celebrate Success - CTE shows that it is "learning that works for Alaska"

- How did Copper River Valley and Southeast Island leverage CTE grants and partnerships to turn CTE programs into businesses?
 - ✓ [Read about Copper River Valley](#)
 - ✓ [Read about Southeast Island](#)
- How did CTE prepare a Galena student to help an injured worker at her school?
[Read the Galena story here](#)
- How is a high school CTE digital design program helping local businesses in Alaska and Oregon?
[Read the Sitka story here](#)

These and more success stories at <http://www.alaskacteplan.com/celebrate-success.html>.

Other CTE Highlights

- Welcome to EED's new CTE Administrator!
Curtis Clough is the new CTE Administrator for the Department of Education & Early Development. Mr. Clough's educational background is exceptionally broad and eclectic, including Middle School/High School Teacher, Athletic Coach, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, High School Principal, Rural School District Superintendent, and Online Student Instructor/Academic Chair at the Community College level. The combination of Curtis's classroom, school, district, and post-secondary CTE experiences have provided him with a truly holistic understanding of CTE and make him a valuable addition to the EED CTE unit. A few highlights of his CTE efforts include: overseeing alignment of career and technical programs in higher education to national accreditation with the Practical Nursing and Welding programs while receiving approval by national accrediting bodies, and Co-Chairing an initiative to partner K-12 and Higher Education with local business and industry to align educational expectations and career exploration with local workforce and economic development needs—including job shadowing and mentoring programs for high school juniors and seniors with various employers. Contact Curtis at 907.465.8730 or Curtis.Clough@alaska.gov.
- Thank you to those who participated in our CTE Definitions Survey. The survey is complete and we are analyzing the results, which we will post on the website as soon as possible.

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