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To: Superintendents of Secondary School Districts
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From: Marie Barry, Director 
Office of Career and Technical Education

Re: Language Arts Literacy Training for CTE Teachers and Supervisors

The Office of CTE in partnership with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) plans to provide two-day workshops throughout the state for CTE teachers, curriculum supervisors and directors in New Jersey comprehensive high schools, county vocational-technical high schools and charter high schools, in order to facilitate the implementation of The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts focused on technical subjects. Effective, easy-to-implement instructional strategies that every CTE teacher can use to get students reading and writing to demonstrate learning of course content will be shared. Participants will learn a variety of strategies that help students comprehend technical reading and produce technical writing through six high leverage learning skills: summarizing, paraphrasing, inferring, categorizing, predicting, and vocabulary building.

Participants will additionally gain the following from the two-day workshop:

- Learn the five SREB Literacy Goals and practical strategies to meet those goals;
- Discover how CTE contributes to the five goals and supports student learning in academic areas;
- Use a writing task template that will assist them to implement the Common Core State Standards for technical literacy <http://www.corestandards.org/>; and
- Have the opportunity to practice writing sample tasks.

The workshop schedule and host sites for the workshops are as follows:

October 25-26, 2011	Cumberland County Technical Education Center, Bridgeton, NJ
November 17-18, 2011	Mercer County Technical School, Pennington, NJ
February 28-29, 2012	Hunterdon County Vocational School, Flemington, NJ
March 20-21, 2012	Lower Cape May Regional High School, Cape May, NJ

Each workshop is limited to 30 participants. Online registration for these sessions is currently available on the NJDOE website by using the following online registration link: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>

We appreciate your commitment to enhancing the quality of CTE in New Jersey and look forward to your district's participation in these workshops. Should you have any questions, please contact Maria Constantin, Planning Associate, Office of CTE at 609-984-2599, or by email at maria.constantin@doe.state.nj.us.

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