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Sent on behalf of Chancellor Robert Caret:

As a Commissioner, I have concerns about creating a sub-cabinet for CTE. It seems to me that such an entity would lead to the undesirable outcome of separating College Readiness from Career Readiness. It would add layers of bureaucracy and cost to an already burdened public education system, potentially devolve into more “turf wars” and tangled policy contexts. It would be expensive, murky and potentially counter-productive to our ultimate goal of “College AND Career” readiness.

A second concern has to do with the recommendation to allow students who qualify by exam to enroll in dual enrollment courses and earn college credits to be admitted to college. While there is evidence that the dual enrollment pathway is an excellent way to jump-start students onto a college-going track, there are social, developmental and emotional maturity issues that should be considered by parents, teachers and students about students’ readiness to be enrolled on college campuses as regular students. I am raising this for consideration.

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