



**Resolution on Career and Technical Education**  
September 17, 2014

**Whereas**, in accordance with Indiana Code 22-4.5-9-4, the Career Council is required to complete a return on investment and utilization study of career and technical education programs; and

**Whereas**, the Career Council charged the Sector Strategies Taskforce of the Career Council with overseeing the completion of this study; and

**Whereas**, the Career Council, in coordination with the Department of Education, the Commission for Higher Education, the Department of Workforce Development, Ivy Tech Community College, and Vincennes University, has completed the initial phase of the on-going study of career and technical education programs; and

**Whereas**, the Career Council Sector Strategies Taskforce reviewed the initial findings of this study at its September 9, 2014 meeting and presented its initial recommendations to the Career Council.

**It is therefore resolved** that the Career Council makes the following value statements about career and technical education services in Indiana:

1. Career and technical education has a positive impact on students who participate, especially for those that are concentrators.
2. Career and technical education is an effective tool in ensuring that more secondary students are prepared for college and career when they leave high school.
3. State funding should incentivize better student outcomes, rather than focus solely on inputs.

**It is further resolved**, that the Career Council makes the following recommendations about career and technical education services in Indiana:

1. Career and technical education programs should place students and student outcomes at the center of their focus.
2. Career and technical education programs and courses of study should align their delivery with post-secondary and both current and future workforce needs.
3. Career and technical education programs should recognize the value of work-based learning.
4. Indiana should, to the extent possible, differentiate its emphasis on CTE programs based on regional and local workforce needs, with a focus on high wage, high demand jobs.
5. The State and local CTE programs should create strong partnerships and engagement with businesses and community organizations.

**Indiana Career Council**