



March 7, 2023

Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair  
Members of the House Education Finance Committee

RE: HF 2497 – SUPPORT for CTE Provisions

Chair Youakim & Members,

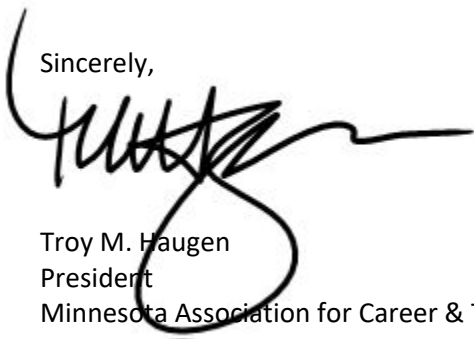
Career & Technical Education (CTE) and Career Pathways programs in Minnesota include students engaged in agriculture, health sciences, business & marketing, family & consumer sciences, construction, manufacturing, transportation, work-based learning/youth apprenticeship, communications technology, law enforcement, cosmetology, and a variety of other careers areas.

On behalf of the boards of the Minnesota Association for Career & Technical Administrators (MACTA); a statewide association of professional educators that administer CTE programs across Minnesota, and the Minnesota Association of Career and Technical Education (MnACTE); a statewide organization of CTE teachers and other CTE professionals, we write to you in support of the provisions in HF 2497 that grow and expand career and technical education programs in Minnesota. We would also strongly encourage the inclusion of HF 1082, which increases CTE revenue reimbursement from 35% to 50% and appropriates additional money to CTE aid to cover the additional cost. The combination of the increase in CTE revenue plus the incredibly strong provision in starting on line 46.10, which provides one-time grants for the growth and expansion of CTE programs, would be incredibly impactful for CTE programs across Minnesota.

Secondary career and technical programs are the root lifeblood of Minnesota's economy, and the ability to expand and grow these programs is absolutely integral to a strong healthy Minnesota economy and labor force into the future. MACTA and MnACTE fully supports the CTE funding provisions in HF 2497 and strongly encourages the inclusion of HF 1082 to be included in the final education omnibus bill.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [thaugen@lcsc.org](mailto:thaugen@lcsc.org).

Sincerely,



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