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Welcome to the Local Planning System

It is time for our annual updates to the Local Planning System (LPS) for Career Technical Education. The LPS serves as our school system's guide to CTE operation and performance. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in cooperation with the US Department of Education transitioned into new requirements for the Carl Perkins Career and Technical Act of 2006 beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) use the Local Planning System (LPS) for strategic planning, managing performance, and being accountable for CTE at local, state, and federal levels. The LPS has transformed from being a mechanism for approval and release of state and federal CTE funds to one for strategic planning, improving performance, and assuring accountability. Local plans must outline strategies for continuous improvement of results of their students on performance indicators. These results are reported for each LEA overall, by No Child Left Behind subgroups and academic disadvantage, by program areas and career clusters, and by College Tech Prep. Administrators in each LEA must develop strategies to address improvement of performance by each reported category.

Through the LPS, local CTE administrators are able to:

- Analyze measurable performance based on trend information.
- Analyze system and subsystem performance based on relevant subcategories crucial to stakeholders and customers.
- Set rational short- and long-term benchmarks.
- Locate like organizations performing well in order to benchmark them.
- Develop strategies based on the greatest opportunities for improvement (OFIs).
- Allocate resources based in the greatest OFIs.
- Be accountable for the above.

Data from last year's LPS was rolled into the new LPS (Plan for 2009-2010) on Friday, May 15th. Our system has until May 29th to submit the initial plan. Additional windows will open throughout the year to make approved updates and amendments.

Anyone can log into the system to view each LEA's strategic plan and performance results using a username of **guest** and a password of **guest**. The web address is now located at <http://ctelps.dpi.state.nc.us>. All stakeholders in Transylvania County are encouraged to visit the LPS and make suggestions for improvement. Please let me know how I can help.

Thanks,

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