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BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE

Item V.

Motion: After careful consideration of the recommendations of the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) staff and based on our own independent review of all documents provided by the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee, the AIB moves to approve the Expert Review Team (ERT) Deployment Plan 2024-2025 School Year with the following feedback for future consideration. The AIB recommends that the CTE Committee:

- 1) Review the feasibility of the visit schedule given both the CTE Committee staff capacity and the school calendar (for example, the May visit dates may be too late). We suggest making clear that these early visits are not evaluative and are intended as listening/learning visits to collect baseline data/landscape analysis of CTE across the 24 LEAs.
- 2) Consider ways to partner more closely with MSDE, particularly on the pre-visit data collection and the post-visit analysis and recommendations to make use of MSDE staff's CTE system expertise and insights.
- 3) Consider how the information collected will be used by the CTE Committee to support LEAs and CTE schools to strengthen and expand CTE offerings and improve alignment to industry needs, career pathways and industry recognized credentials (IRCs).
- 4) Provide the timeline and approach the CTE Committee will take to develop clear guidance and definitions around all CTE terms and goals, in particular what constitutes "adequate progress towards completion of a CTE pathway."

Background Information: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future assigns the CTE Committee with the responsibility for annually submitting to the AIB its deployment plan for CTE ERTs and visiting 10% of schools annually until all schools are visited at least once. The purpose of CTE ERT visits is to determine whether student progress is sufficient toward successful completion of CTE pathways and develop recommendations, measures, and strategies to address the issues identified by the CTE ERT. The CTE ERT deployment plan outlines the planned schedule of visits to ensure that the CTE Committee has sufficient information to make informed decisions on recommending the release of school funds conditioned on student performance by the AIB beginning July 1, 2025.

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