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**TO:** CTE Administrators

**FROM:** Dr. J. Anthony Williams, Interim Director

 Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

## SUBJECT: Announcement of the Career and Technical Education Regional Work-Based Learning Specialists

Please join the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education in welcoming the following new staff.

Work-Based Learning Specialist, Superintendent’s Region 3 – Patricia Hodge

Patricia “Patti” Hodge has a background in providing educational and vocational services to students and adults with disabilities for over 20 years. She has held such titles as Special Education Paraprofessional, Employment Specialist/Job Coach, Job Placement Counselor, District Pre-Employment Transition Services Counselor, and Regional Transition Specialist. Patti holds a Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling from the George Washington University and a Bachelor of Liberal Studies from the University of Mary Washington. She is also a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. Ms. Hodge may be contacted at patricia.hodge@doe.virginia.gov.

Work-Based Learning Specialist, Superintendent’s Region 8 – Dr. Tamantha Hurt

Dr. Tamantha “Tammy” Hurt has had an extensive career in public education since 1999. For 20 years, she worked in various roles in Mecklenburg and Prince Edward Counties Public Schools in Virginia beginning as an administrative secretary that led to teaching in the Career and Technical Education department and then eventually school administration where she served as an assistant principal, principal, and later a STEM Coordinator. She left public education and pursued a career as the GO TEC program manager, where she engaged not only with K-12 leaders but also with higher education and industry leaders to ensure the educational programs aligned with industry needs. Dr. Hurt then joined Piedmont Community College in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the Director for Customized Industry and Contract Training where she worked with multiple agencies to ensure the training needs of local industries were met. Dr. Hurt may be contact at tamantha.hurt@doe.virginia.gov.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, by email at CTE@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2052.

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