



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: March 31, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Aimee Guidera, Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Education

SUBJECT: **Announcing Career and Technical Education (CTE) Experience Works 2023: Pathways for the Future**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to offer a live virtual professional development opportunity for CTE High-Quality Work-Based Learning (HQWBL) stakeholders, “CTE Experience Works 2023: Pathways for the Future,” to be held June 28-29, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. The targeted audience includes CTE Work-Based Learning (WBL) coordinators, CTE teachers, administrators, school counselors, career coaches, and business and industry leaders.

[Online pre-registration](#) is open. There is no registration fee for the conference. After your pre-registration is received, additional information regarding workshop sessions registration will be forthcoming.

This professional development opportunity brings together business, industry, and educators to focus on building positive [CTE HQWBL experiences](#) for CTE students throughout the Commonwealth. Throughout the professional development, there will be sessions featuring:

- Ensuring students have the opportunity to graduate with an industry recognized credential or associate degree,
- Expanding student access to career opportunities, including apprenticeships and employment,
- Establishing and expanding business partnerships,

- Reviewing revisions to the CTE HQWBL Guide,
- Networking with colleagues and business partners across the Commonwealth, and
- Hearing stories of CTE HQWBL changing student lives.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Acuff, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, at (804) 225-2051 or cte@doe.virginia.gov.

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