



## Christie Administration Announces Awards to Build Capacity in School Districts for Career Pathways

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**Trenton, NJ** – The Christie Administration today announced that eight school districts will each receive an award as part of New Jersey's pilot program grant to build capacity for career pathways.

This state-funded pilot program grant is intended to expand the number of career pathways for students in grades 9-12 in regional high school districts and comprehensive school districts – traditional high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

"These awards will increase the opportunities for students in high school to access high-quality CTE programs and provide pathways to earn industry-valued credentials or college credits," said Commissioner of Education David C. Hespe. "CTE programs offer a range of options for students to embark on a career pathway that may not only lead them directly to the workforce, but also to a college degree program. This grant is another example of this Administration's continued efforts to ensure that our students are college- and career-ready when they leave our schools."

The multi-year grant will be delivered in two phases.

- Phase One, April 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017, will concentrate on an intensive capacity-building period of professional development utilizing a career pathway framework.
- Phase Two, March 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021, will concentrate on implementing, supporting, and evaluating the career pathways realized through the high-quality CTE programs of study and supports created in Phase One. The first CTE program must be ready to begin September 1, 2017.

More information on the grant is available [online](#).

The selected districts include the following:

County	School District	Superintendent	Key Industries	Amount of Award
Bergen	Northern Valley Regional High School District	Geoffrey Gordon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biopharmaceutical</li> <li>• Life Sciences</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	\$99,994
Cumberland	Cumberland Regional High School District	Steven Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biopharmaceutical</li> <li>• Life Sciences</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	\$100,000
Essex	Orange Public School District	Ronald Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care</li> </ul>	\$100,000
Monmouth	Freehold Regional High School District	Charles Sampson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	\$86,805
Monmouth	Ocean Township School District	James Stefankiewicz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Services</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	\$100,000

Passaic	Passaic School District	Pablo Munoz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biopharmaceutical Life Sciences</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	\$100,000
Sussex	Vernon Township School District	Arthur DiBenedetto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure, Hospitality and Retail</li> <li>• Health Care</li> </ul>	\$100,000
Union	Elizabeth Public Schools	Olga Hugelmeyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care</li> </ul>	\$100,000