Ladies and Gentlemen, August starts off with a bang! Please review all the items in this email and let me know if you have questions or need further information.

**Summer Conference Evaluation/Powerpoints**
Many of you might have already received this link from Cynthia. However, if you did not or if you have not completed yet, please click on the link and let us know your thoughts on our divisional day at Summer Conference. The survey should only take a few minutes of your time to complete. Here is the link to the evaluation form: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/guid-esspsc2018](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/guid-esspsc2018). We greatly appreciate your feedback! We already have some of the summer conference powerpoints and handouts online. Click [HERE](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/guid-esspsc2018) for the powerpoints and check back for additions.

**CORE Math Credit Information from Tommi Leach**
Please find attached a corrected copy of the Oklahoma CareerTech Certifications Processes so please replace these with what you got at summer conference. I have also attached some additional guidance and tried to answer some of the questions we got at our Summer Conference session. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Kelly. I still have not heard back from the SDE on using the 9975 subject code but we will proceed until further notice. Thanks for all you do!

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**The Student Services Endorsement Program** is designed to rapidly improve upon the existing foundation of skills for those practicing in technology centers in the student services area. Student Services incorporates counselors, job placement/development staff, career specialists, career assessment staff, student services coordinators, special needs coordinators and financial aid administrators. It is designed for newly-hired technology center student services staff, but veteran staff can also benefit. You must apply and be accepted for this program. The application is attached. Please read thoroughly as it requires supervisor approval and letter of support. Contact me if you have any questions.

**Ready, Set, Guide Training for OK Career Guide**
Choose one day and choose a site for that day to attend training. Training is from 9:00 – 2:00

**Who should attend:** Ideal for 6th-12th administrators, ICAP leaders, teachers, school counselors, career specialists, CTE instructors, workforce advisors who are beginning to use OK Career Guide or have not attended training since 2015.

**Reasons to attend:**
- Review overall system for 6th-12th grade students
- Use of Interest, Skills Confidence and Work Values assessments
- How students can create a My Ed Plan
- Review Work Ready features-Resume, Cover Letters, References
- E-portfolios for students and educators
- Tools and resources for model career development programs
- And more!

**September 11, 2018 Locations**
- Northwest Technology Center, Fairview
- Great Plains Technology Center, Lawton
- Indian Capital Technology Center, Muskogee
Registration link: **September 11, 2018 Workshop**

**October 23, 2018 Locations**  
- Eastern OK County Technology Center, Choctaw  
- Kiamichi Technology Center, Atoka  
- Northeast Technology Center, Pryor  
Registration link: **October 23, 2018 Workshop**

**Guidancefest dates** have been set! More details to follow shortly.  
- September 25, 2018 – Autry Technology Center, Enid  
- September 27, 2018 – Red River Technology Center, Duncan  
- October 4, 2018 – Tulsa Technology Center, Owasso campus  
- October 9, 2018 – Wes Watkins Technology Center, Wetumka  
- October 11, 2018 – Metro Technology Center, Springlake Campus  
Registration link: [https://guidancefest2018.eventbrite.com/](https://guidancefest2018.eventbrite.com/)

**Students share 5 tips to help boost graduation rates**  
Recent high-school graduates shared strategies that could help improve graduation rates when they met with John Gomperts, president and CEO of America’s Promise Alliance, and Dale Erquiaga, president and CEO of Communities In Schools. In this commentary, Gomperts and Erquiaga write about the five main themes they gleaned from students, including a need to train educators to help students experiencing challenging circumstances.

[The Hechinger Report](https://thehechingerreport.org/) (7/23)

**Student-to-School-Counselor Ratios**

The latest student-to-school-counselor ratio data is available from the 2015–2016 school year. Take a look and see how Oklahoma stacks up. View the data by [ratio (lowest to highest)](https://www.okcareertech.org/cac) or by [state (alphabetically)](https://www.okcareertech.org/cac).

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