CTE | TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER OF NY

A Message from the Director

Dear CTE Colleagues: **February 9, 2026**

I'm pleased to share that the NYS CTE Technical Assistance Center Contract has been renewed. The work will continue to be operated through the Successful Practices Network, INC., in support of NYSED's Office of Career and Technical Education.

This renewal puts us in a strong position to continue (and expand) the practical support you rely on. Thank you for the partnership, feedback, and steady collaboration that make this work worth doing.

We are updating our staffing in this new contract to strengthen statewide service:

- Tanner Thompson (former Central and Northern NY Field Associate) is moving into a Central Office Program Specialist role, helping the CTE TAC expand statewide initiatives and strengthen the tools, learning opportunities, and coordination that support programs across New York.
- Di Hesler (former Northeastern NY Field Associate) will now serve as the Regional Field Team Associate for Central and Northern New York.
- Karyn Watt will now serve as the Regional Field Team Associate for both the Capital Region and Northeastern New York.

Di and Karyn will continue providing direct support to districts and BOCES across their regions, including program approval/reapproval guidance, Perkins and CLNA support, and PD that responds to what your teams need right now.

Thanks again for everything you do for students and for New York's CTE system. We're excited to keep building with you.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Woods
CTE TAC Director

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The Career and Technical Education Technical Assistance Center (CTE TAC) operates under a state contract to assist the New York State Education Department (NYSED) in carrying out its mission of improving the quality, access, and delivery of career and technical education through research-based methods and strategies resulting in broader CTE opportunities for all students.