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Governor

Dirk DeBoer
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Dear Mr. DeBoer and the P2P CTE Action Committee:

I was pleased to receive the request that the Malheur County Career Technical Education (CTE) Prosperity Initiative Pilot project be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions and ECO Northwest staff, I feel it is appropriate to designate it as an Oregon Solutions project as it meets many objectives we have for our state, our youth, and our communities. I understand that the project is focused on implementing a Career Technical Education (CTE) program so local students can get good, local jobs through training provided during high school years that provides a pathway to post-high school training.


I am also designating Dirk DeBoer as the convener of the Project Team. With the support of the Oregon Solutions staff he will lead a Project Team of community partners who are prepared to contribute to creating a successful and sustainable CTE program in Malheur County.

I understand that the Project Team will focus on identifying commitments to use in grant requests, bringing industry to the project, creating a business model that is sustainable, and agreeing to a governance structure that is inclusive and effective. I am pleased that this work is coordinated with your Regional Achievement Collaborative pilot grant from the OEIB and that it is part of the overall statewide Prosperity Initiative strategy.

It is clear that we must do everything possible to make sure all youth get a chance to get the education and training they need to get good jobs. The CTE project has the potential to achieve this goal and to strengthen the connection among non-profit, business, and public sectors in your community. In addition, it may create a model for other Prosperity Initiative projects which can be replicated in other parts of the state.

Please keep the governor's office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

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