



April 18, 2023

The Honorable Mike Fong
State Assemblymember
1021 O Street, Suite 5230
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 377: Career technical education: California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant
Program: Strong Workforce Program
Position: **Support**
Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee – Set for hearing on April 25th, 2023.

Dear Assemblymember Fong,

On behalf of the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO), representing over 24,000 school business leaders in K-14 education, we are pleased to support your Assembly Bill 377. This bill would provide ongoing funding of \$450 million per year for the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG), and additional funding for regional career technical education (CTE) coordinators to provide effective technical assistance and support to local CTE programs.

CASBO supports the consolidation of K-12 CTE programs, to streamline the application process, determination of eligibility, and reporting requirements. Adequate funding and streamlining of high-quality CTE programs are essential to serve the needs of all students and to meet the state's labor market demands.

Programs that provide quality career exploration and guidance and appropriate student support prepare students to transition smoothly into postsecondary education as well as directly into the workforce. Participation in CTE classes also motivates students to attend school more frequently and be more engaged, which improves overall academic outcomes.

CASBO thanks you for bringing this bill forward. Should you have any questions, please contact Mishaal Gill at mgill@casbo.org

Sincerely,

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