

## **UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

### **CTE and STEM Spring Conference**



The *CTE/Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Spring Conference* will be held at the Institute of Technology and Business Development (ITBD) in New Britain on April 1, 2016, from 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The featured keynote speaker is Bruce Dixon, CEO of Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program (CPEP), an award-winning nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for under-represented students to discover their potential through STEM. Presentations will be provided by Connecticut High School teachers who incorporate STEM into their classrooms all day, every day. Registration is \$50.00. To register please go to <http://www.crec.org> and click on Events then search for the date or conference title. Session topics will include: STEM through Computer Science; STEM through Robotics; STEM through Engineering; Problem-Based Learning; and STEM through Agriculture.

### **Teaching Financial Literacy—The Formula for Financial Success**



*Teaching Financial Literacy—The formula for Financial Success* Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Southbury, on April 8, 2016, from 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The featured keynote speaker is Joel Johnson managing partner of Johnson and Brunetti, Retirement and Investment Specialists. He appears on several news shows speaking about personal finance issues including Better Money on Channel 3 Eyewitness News. Sessions include: Goals and Financial Planning, Budgeting, Credit and Debt: Protect Yourself against Identity Theft, Banking and Credit Today, Savings and Investing, Risk Management and Personal Finance Apps. To register please go to <http://www.crec.org> and click on Events then search for the date or conference title. Registration fee is \$85.00.

### **CTE Assessment Regional Briefing Sessions 2016**

These sessions will provide participants with the revised protocols that are critical to the successful completion of the Connecticut Statewide Assessment, including the online components, sample items and preparation materials. In the event of inclement weather, school representatives are encouraged to attend another briefing sessions. Please contact your Regional Perkins Consultant to register for these sessions.

Date	Location	Time
<b>Monday, March 7</b>	<b>CREC/Coltsville-Room 39, Hartford</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 9</b>	<b>Education Connection - Litchfield</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 16</b>	<b>EASTCONN-Hampton</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, March 17</b>	<b>Middletown SDE, MCR 3</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 22</b>	<b>Aquaculture School – Bridgeport</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 29</b>	<b>LEARN-Waterford High School</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>

**Testing Window**—The 2016 Statewide CTE Assessment will be conducted through an online assessment administration system and administered in the test window period beginning **April 18 through May 27, 2016**.

**Sample Items**—New sample items representing the lowest performing competencies for last year’s statewide assessment data will be available beginning in February. These are located in the “tool box” component of the client services site (<http://www.nocti.org/statecustomized-CTSS.cfm>). Sample items for 2015 will still be available in the “tool box,” along with CTE teacher developed sample items from the Connecticut CTE Conference of October 15, 2015.

# Connecticut CTE Statewide Assessment

## Memorandum of Testing Agreement

The 2016 Connecticut Statewide CTE Assessment program has begun with the release of the Memorandum of Testing Agreement that was sent to all secondary school principals. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) testing procedures, in cooperation with the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI), requires each school to submit a Memorandum of Testing Agreement form signed by the secondary school principal. Upon receipt of this form, the principal will receive a secured password (changed annually) necessary for securing access to student user codes, and post-testing score reports/data. This form may also be signed electronically and sent back to Dr. Stephen W. Hoag via e-mail at [stephen.hoag@ct.gov](mailto:stephen.hoag@ct.gov).

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