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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

Subject: Professional Development for CTE Courses for Mathematics or Science Credit

This correspondence is to inform districts and open-enrollment charter schools of professional development (PD) courses that are scheduled for release through Epsilon, the state's digital platform for Project Share, beginning August 1, 2012, and continuing through the month of August. Each course is divided into several modules and upon completion of each module, a teacher will receive a certificate of completion that includes the number of credit hours earned.

All teachers assigned to teach one or more the following courses must participate in this Texas Education Agency (TEA)-approved training prior to teaching the course effective with the 2012-2013 school year.

- Advanced Animal Science
- Advanced Biotechnology
- Advanced Plant and Soil Science
- Engineering Mathematics
- Engineering Design and Problem Solving
- Food Science
- Forensic Science
- Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Statistics and Risk Management

Teachers who are not certified in science and who wish to teach one of the CTE courses for science credit must complete the online course titled "Science Safety for High School." Teachers who are not certified in CTE and who wish to teach one of the CTE courses for mathematics or science credit must complete CTE 101. CTE-certified teachers may complete CTE 101, but this is not a requirement.

Teachers who were assigned to teach one of these courses in 2010-2011 and/or 2011-2012 will have 12 months from the date the course is first offered to meet the TEA-approved training requirement. For teachers who have not previously taught one of these courses, once a district has confirmed that a teacher is enrolled in and making progress toward the completion of the online PD course, the district may assign the teacher to teach the high school course.

Please contact your education service center for specific instructions on how to find and enroll in a course.

If you have additional questions about the PD courses, please contact the Project Share mailbox at projectshare@tea.state.tx.us. For questions specific to CTE, please contact the Curriculum Division by phone at (512) 463-9581 or by email at career@tea.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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