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Dear CTAE Directors and School Counselors,

Thank you for working with us as we navigate these unprecedented events and the impact for our CTAE and School Counseling Programs. As you know, the State School Superintendent has suspended all state-mandated assessments. We have received many questions from around the state about the impact this has on our CTAE End of Pathway Assessments (EOPAs), and the BRIDGE Bill.

**Please see the guidance below for EOPAs and the BRIDGE Bill:**

- **The state will not require the administration of EOPAs this school year.** If your school system returns to normal operations and you have the time available to administer EOPAs to your students, we encourage you to offer them as an option for those students who wish to take them (those who want to earn a credential before graduating, for example). If EOPAs are administered, districts should not require that all students take them. They should be offered for those students who wish to earn the credential.
- If your district received Perkins funds specifically to fund EOPAs, you must use them for that purpose. All unused funds must be returned to the Georgia Department of Education.
- If you have already purchased EOPA vouchers, please contact the vendors to determine if the vouchers will be good for the next school year if you are unable to use them this school year.
- **All BRIDGE Bill requirements will be suspended for this year including the interest and aptitude assessment.**
- If your school system returns to normal operation and you have time to deliver the career development activities to your students before the end of the school year, we encourage you to do so.
- If you are unable to deliver the career development activities, this will not be held against your system.

We are here to support you and will do all that we can to assist you with the administration of your local CTAE and School Counselor Programs. If you have any additional questions, please contact Mamie Hanson, concerning EOPAs and Dawn Mann concerning the BRIDGE Bill. Mamie's email address is [mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mhanson@doe.k12.ga.us). Dawn Mann's email address is [dmann@doek12.ga.us](mailto:dmann@doek12.ga.us).

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