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Item: MOUs for Regional CTE Pathway Programs

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RECOMMENDATION:

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) have been established between Kent ISD and our local districts to grow CTE pathway programs throughout the county. Kent ISD continues to work with several local organizations to contract additional programs for high-interest pathways. The following copies of each district's executed MOUs have been provided for review:

Local district CTE pathway programs:

- Grandville (26-27)
- Kentwood (26-27)
- Northview (26-27)
- Sparta (26-27)
- Wyoming (26-27)
- Kent City (26-27)
- Thornapple Kellogg (26-27)

Contracted CTE programs:

- Next Step (26-27)
- West Michigan Construction Institute (26-27; 27-28)
- Center for Medical Training (26-27)

BACKGROUND:

CTE is experiencing a rise in popularity with an increased demand for skilled workers, especially here in Michigan. In alignment with the goals and strategies of CareerPrep 2030, Kent ISD is partnering with local organizations and districts to open up more opportunities for students interested in CTE pathway programs outside of those offered at Kent Career Tech Center. By doing this, Kent ISD has been able to continue supporting over 200 seats in health, construction, and teacher academy programs.