



*State of New Jersey*  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Adoption Resolution**  
**February 4, 2026**

**Resolution in Recognition of Career and Technical Education Month In New Jersey**

**Whereas**, the month of February 2026 has been designated nationally as Career and Technical Education Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

**Whereas**, teachers, administrators, and school counselors involved in career and technical education help more than 137,800 secondary and postsecondary students in New Jersey pursue a range of career pathways; and

**Whereas**, career and technical education programs incorporate a rigorous academic core coupled with a high-level technical curriculum to deliver opportunities for students to earn college credit, industry-valued credentials, and work-based learning to be college and career-ready; and

**Whereas**, career and technical education prepares New Jerseyans for the jobs that exist today and equips them with the skills employers will need in the future; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey Department of Education has continued to implement a variety of career and technical education initiatives, including the Artificial Intelligence Technology in Career and Technical Education Pathways, Building Capacity for Career Pathways, Elevate Career and Technical Innovation, Esports Industry Career Exploration, Elevating High-quality Work-based Learning and Expanding Career Pathways in Artificial Intelligence programs; and

**Whereas**, career and technical education offers opportunities for student leadership experiences supporting personal and professional growth through seven State career and technical student organizations currently serving approximately 51,900 middle school, high school and college students in New Jersey through membership in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); National FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) Organization; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); DECA, an Association of Marketing Students; HOSA – Future Health Professionals; Technology Student Association (TSA); and SkillsUSA; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education hereby recognize February 2026 as Career and Technical Education Month in New Jersey and the potential of career and technical education to fully prepare students for postsecondary success.

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Kevin Dehmer, Commissioner  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

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Kathy Goldenberg, President  
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