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Dr. Aldo Jackson
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Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your career and technical center and participating school districts have been selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Career and Technical Education's technical assistance plan. Pennsylvania has worked with national organizations to develop evidence-based professional development and technical assistance.

PDE, in conjunction with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), the Education Trust and the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators (PACTA), have developed professional development and technical assistance opportunities. The opportunities are specifically designed to assist Pennsylvania's CTCs with raising student performance on the PSSA and technical end of program assessments.

We are confident that the technical assistance plan will support local efforts and enhance your opportunity to increase student achievement. The plan includes opportunities for your school districts. The plan includes numeracy strategies that can be implemented in the content area and provides strategies to develop guidance services plans. Participation in the technical assistance should include administration, teachers and guidance counselors from the CTC and the participating school district.

We commend you for your current efforts and for being selected to participate in this effort. We look forward to working with you during 2009-2010.

Sincerely,

Gerald L. Zahorchak, D.Ed.
Secretary of Education