BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education & Superintendent Dr. Dan Sims

From: Dr. Lori Ward-Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent
District Effectiveness and Federal Programs
Dr. Cassandra Washington, Executive Director of CTAE

Subject: Perkins Innovation and Modernization Grant

Summary:
The Bibb County School District in partnership with the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce and Workbay is applying for the Perkins Innovation and Modernization (PIM) Grant.

Background:
The purpose of the PIM grant program is to identify, support, and rigorously evaluate evidence-based and innovative strategies and activities to improve and modernize career and technical education (CTE) and ensure workforce skills taught in CTE programs funded under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), align with labor market needs.

This grant will support Bibb County School District's efforts in building the capacity among secondary education, postsecondary education, and workforce development systems to expand access to career-connected high school programs for more students. The grant specifically focuses on increasing the proportion of students who graduate from high school with the following four keys to unlock their career success:

• *Postsecondary Education and Career Navigation System.* Participation in a comprehensive postsecondary education and career navigation system that supports career exploration and education planning, provides information and assistance in pursuing further learning after high school, and includes the development and regular updating of a personalized postsecondary education and career plan (as defined in this notice) throughout high school;

• *Dual or Concurrent Enrollment.* Postsecondary credits earned from dual or concurrent enrollment programs (as defined in this notice) within a clearly defined program of study (as defined in this notice) to give students a head start in earning a postsecondary credential;

• *Work-Based Learning.* Participation in work-based learning opportunities (as defined in this notice) for which students receive wages or academic credit, or both; and

• *Industry-Recognized Credential.* Attainment of an in-demand and high-value industry-recognized credential (as defined in this notice) so that every young person can earn a living wage after high school, open more doors to pursue further education, and live independently.