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2019 TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL (CIHS) APPLICATIONS

The Innovative Education Initiatives Act encourages LEAs to partner with their local postsecondary educational institution to establish a Cooperative Innovative High School. The purpose of these schools is to target first-generation college students, students who are at risk of dropping out of high school and/or students who would benefit from accelerated learning opportunities, and to expand students' opportunities for educational success through high quality instructional programming through dual enrollment. Districts interested in creating such a school must apply in partnership with an institution of higher education to develop a CIHS.

Submission of a Letter of Intent: Due April 22, 2019

All LEAs and their higher education partner seeking to develop a CIHS must submit a letter of intent by using the electronic form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_rWK3ns2cS6k1E-Zz-HILrq-m4ySLisfeD11EpbNjg/edit by **April 22, 2019**. This letter of intent notifies the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC), which consists of representatives from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), the North Carolina Community Colleges System, the University of North Carolina System, and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities of the intent to submit an application. **This step is required for all applicants**, including any existing CIHS now seeking supplemental funding. The purpose of the letter of intent is to activate application support from the JAC and NCDPI. This assistance will be provided as a service to application partners.

Technical Assistance for Application Development:

The JAC is committed to providing you support in the development of your application. A CIHS Applicant Orientation will be held on **May 21, 2019**. Additional information, including time and place of the meeting, will be forthcoming. We encourage all application partners to attend this LEA session to learn more about the application process and to discuss critical components of a CIHS. Further technical assistance will also be available throughout the application development phase.

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Submission of Applications:

Applications to develop a CIHS are due to NCDPI by **September 13, 2019**. Applications must follow the electronic template that will be provided by May 21.

Selection of Cooperative Innovative High School Programs:

The JAC will review the applications and recommend to the appropriate Governing Boards those programs that meet the requirements and that achieve the purposes set out in G. S. 115C-238.50. This process continues with final General Assembly approvals, typically through summer 2020.

An increasing number of students are benefitting from new opportunities that CIHS provide, which lead to stronger outcomes with higher rates of academic achievement, graduation, and postsecondary enrollment. We are committed to supporting your goals and those of your local communities in providing choices for students to reach their potential.

If you are interested in applying to develop a CIHS in your district and would like to discuss this opportunity or have questions, please contact CIHS@dpi.nc.gov.

As always, we appreciate your efforts to personalize learning and to ensure every student has multiple opportunities to determine his or her pathway to the future.

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