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ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SECURES NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVAL FOR MULTIPLE CTE PATHWAY PROGRAMS AT DWIGHT MORROW HIGH SCHOOL

Englewood, NJ — January 5, 2026 — The Englewood Public School District is proud to announce that Dwight Morrow High School and the Academies at Englewood have received New Jersey State approval for multiple Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Pathways, as approved by the New Jersey Department of Education.

The newly approved CTE programs include:

- Finance, General (CIP: 520801)
- Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General (CIP: 120401)
- Computer and Information Systems Security / Information Assurance (CIP: 111003)
- Legal Assistant / Paralegal (CIP: 220302)

This achievement marks a significant milestone for the district. Prior to this approval, Englewood had not held New Jersey State–approved CTE Programs of Study in quite sometime. This approval expands access for students to state-recognized, high-quality career pathways aligned with real-world opportunities and postsecondary success.

This accomplishment is the result of the collective dedication and collaboration of district leadership and school-based teams, including Principal Jorge Osoria, Supervisor of CTE & Grants Jamie Chang, Supervisor of Secondary Education Michael Hellegers, and the exceptional curriculum, CTE teachers, program managers, and administrative staff at Dwight Morrow High School.

Securing NJDOE approval for CTE pathways is a rigorous and comprehensive process. Programs must meet federal Perkins V requirements, align to high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations, establish industry advisory committees, integrate work-based learning experiences, and document clear postsecondary pathways such as college credit, industry credentials, and apprenticeships. All program components are reviewed and approved through the NJDOE's CTE-Data Management System (CTE-DMS).

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As a result of this approval, the Englewood Public School District is now eligible for Perkins funding, enabling the district to further strengthen career-connected learning, expand instructional resources, and provide students with enhanced access to meaningful academic and workforce opportunities.

“This historic achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to preparing students for college, careers, and life beyond high school,” said Dr. Marnie Hazelton, Superintendent of Schools. “We commend the team at Dwight Morrow High School for their vision, persistence, and dedication to ensuring our students graduate ready to succeed.” This milestone reinforces the district’s promise to provide equitable access to innovative programs that empower students to build pathways toward a brighter future.

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