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To: District Administrators
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Subject: Understanding the Education for Employment and Academic and Career Planning statute and other important career readiness updates

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) is one of the best ways to prepare our students for the world they will graduate into and engage them in their current learning. Through our [Youth Voice in Career Readiness Project](#), students told us that they want MORE career readiness and want it to start earlier. Further, helping students understand how their learning connects to potential careers is an important engagement strategy that is often overlooked in many classrooms.

ACP is intended to equip students and their families with the tools necessary to make more informed choices about postsecondary education, training, and careers for life after high school. ACP, as a part of the Education for Employment (E4E) state statute, is required in all Wisconsin school districts. E4E was established in 1985 in response to the growing concern over the number of youth who failed to make a successful transition from school to postsecondary endeavors. [s. 121.02 \(1\)\(m\), Wis. Stats.](#), states that every school board shall provide access to an E4E program. [Chapter PI 26](#) is the administrative rule for this program. It was determined that rather than creating a new rule addressing ACP, the current PI26 would be revised to include the required ACP components.

To comply with the statutory requirements, each district must have a board-approved ACP/E4E Plan posted on their website by the end of the year. A recent scan of school district websites shows that very few school districts are currently in compliance with this important requirement. Please take a few moments to review [the first set of “Friday Finds”](#) which includes more detailed information on:

- ACP requirements,
- ACP/Career-readiness technical assistance Information, and
- Updates on Early College Credit Program, CTE standards, and Regional Career Pathways.

“Friday Finds” is a weekly publication sent through DPI’s CareerReady listserv. All ACP coordinators and contacts will be added to this listserv. Other educators and district leaders are welcome to subscribe by emailing subscribe-careerreadylist@lists.dpi.wi.gov

Call to Action: Let’s work together so that every Wisconsin school district has an updated, board-approved ACP/E4E Plan posted on their website by the end of the year

so that all students in Wisconsin can graduate ready for their career, their community, and lifelong learning!

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