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Central Nine Career Center Participates in #Blackout4Ed

Recently, educators in Indiana have been voicing concerns in regards to the Indiana Legislature bill, HB 1001, that ultimately threatens to remove funding for several Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, and Instructors at Central Nine Career Center are among those voices.

In order to showcase these concerns surrounding HB 1001, staff and instructors and Central Nine participated in the Indiana State Teachers Associations #Blackout4Ed campaign on Wednesday by wearing black clothing.

In solidarity with other educators in Indiana, Central Nine is providing ways for community members to contact legislators and ask them to say no to HB1001 and prioritize public education. Current provisions in HB 1001 threaten to divert funding away from public schools, where 90 percent of students attend, to benefit private schools.

In a recent letter, Central Nine stated, "Passing HB 1001 would not only affect the 200 students that are involved in these programs at Central Nine Career Center, but also another 671 students at Central Nine's partnering schools annually."

"These actions would be detrimental not just to Central Nine's curriculum but to our overall communities in Johnson and Marion Counties as well. As a prominent Career Center serving over nine high schools in two counties, employers from all over the state reach out to Central Nine for potential job candidates. Forcing the elimination of programs would consequently lead to an unvaried workforce lacking a variety of skills in several career areas... Eliminating state funding altogether will result in the narrowing of course offerings and may result in the discontinuation of these programs."

Discover more about HB 1001 and ways you can help to remind legislators to say NO to HB 1001 at centralnine.org.

[Image Attached]

[About Central Nine]

Central Nine Career Center is dedicated to providing its local high school students with life-changing career and technical educational experiences that allow them to explore careers and assist them in meeting Graduation Pathway requirements that leads them to the workforce and college as informed, innovative, and professional citizens with career goals. Partners include Beech Grove, Center Grove, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Greenwood Community, Indian Creek, Perry Meridian, Southport, and Whiteland Community High Schools.

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