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Dear Texas Educators:

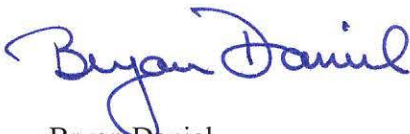
Re: Inventory of Industry-Recognized Credentials

On December 12, 2023, the Texas Workforce Commission's three-member Commission (Commission) adopted the Industry-Based Certification (IBC) Advisory Council's Inventory of Industry-Recognized Credentials (Inventory). The Inventory and the Commission's action comply with [Texas Labor Code Chapter 312](#). The chapter also directs the Commission to provide a copy of the Inventory to "each school district and public institution of higher education that offers a career and technology education program to public high school students."

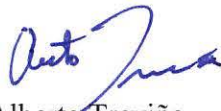
It is important to note that the Inventory is a standalone document that does **not** replace the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) [IBC List for Public School Accountability](#). The Council's Inventory is designed to show alignment across public high school career and technology education programs with current and future workforce needs in communities, regions, and the state. TEA's IBC List for Public School Accountability is designed to meet requirements of [Texas Education Code §39.053](#) in which TEA must account for high school students who earn an IBC as one indicator within the student achievement domain of the state's public school accountability system. Local education agencies should continue to follow guidance and publications provided by TEA when preparing high school students to earn IBCs and other credentials.

Details about the IBC Advisory Council's development of the Inventory may be found [here](#). If you have questions about the Inventory, please contact txcredentialconnect@twc.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



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