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TO: College Chief Academic Officers
College Lead Faculty Members
High School Principals
High School CTE Teacher
High School Counselor

RE: Big Sky Pathways Approval Process

The attached Big Sky Pathways Agreement form must be reviewed with all signatures must be submitted with approval signatures by the following dates:

Friday, February 3, 2012: Submit to Postsecondary Partner with High School CTE Teacher, Counselor, and Principal Review Signatures.

Friday, March 2, 2012: Postsecondary Partner submits to the Office of Public Instruction Specialist with College Lead Faculty and Chief Academic Officer Review Signatures.

Friday, April 6, 2012: Office of Public Instruction Specialist submits to OCHE for review and approval.

Friday, May 4, 2012: Agreement form returned to Secondary and Postsecondary schools with OCHE Deputy Commissioner Review and Approval.

Approval forms must be accompanied with the following materials:

- Completed Pathway Template
- Completed Gap Analysis
- 2012-2013 Completed Agreement Form

A member of the Big Sky Pathways team will follow up with each Big Sky Pathways participant by December 15, 2011 to check on the status of each pathway development and approval process.

If you have questions, feel free to email Dr. Arlene Parisot who is the Big Sky Pathways representative for the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education at aparisot@bigskyweb.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Cech".

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