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Please consider the following:

Page 78; refers to an educational pathway for students that do not have a High School diploma or its recognized equivalent (ATB students). As of July 1, 2012, ATB students in our state are no longer eligible to participate in Title IV federal student financial aid. I believe this reference should be removed or rewritten.

The non-degree sector of postsecondary education, which serves over 200,000 students, is uniquely poised to facilitate access and contribute to the employment opportunities for a significant number of New Yorkers. While the section on “non-degree granting proprietary schools” (page12) is accurate and well written, there seems to be no further reference for how the non-degree sector can participate in the important initiatives outlined in the body of the Statewide Plan.

As Chairman of the Advisory Council for Registered Business and Licensed Trade Schools, I stand personally ready to contribute, in any way you feel may be of value, toward the important mission of providing educational opportunity for all the citizens of this great state.

I sincerely hope that the Regents will incorporate additional language into the Statewide Plan that reflects the importance of this vital sector.

Thank you for your consideration.

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