



Dear Colleague in Education,

Today's teachers are expected to ensure that every student is career-and college-ready upon graduation from high school. This commitment to equity has profound implications for the profession. Teachers must now be adequately prepared to diagnose learning gaps and develop customized instruction to meet individual student needs. Such skills are essential for teachers to successfully help students achieve the goals of these rigorous standards.

As a leader of a 105-year old education organization whose mission is quality learning for all, I appreciate the need for and value of programs and assessments that accurately appraise a student's knowledge, command of subject matter, and career readiness. Having been a part of the team that developed the education careers assessment that is part of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (AAFCS Pre-PAC), I believe that the national competency-based assessment and corresponding certification serves an important role in documenting industry skills and career readiness.

Given the ongoing scrutiny of all aspects of education, I strongly encourage you to give serious consideration to the use of the AAFCS Pre-PAC program as a valuable tool and service to a variety of stakeholders, including students, parents, and members of the business community.

Thank you for your time. I deeply value the important work you do every day to build a better future.

Most sincerely,

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