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Dear Task Force Members:

On behalf of Governor Inslee, I would like to thank you for agreeing to serve on the Career Connect Washington Task Force. I am pleased to let you know you are joining a team of 20 leaders from business, education, and local communities, to advance career connected learning throughout the state. Together, we will help Washington youth forge a clear connection between education and the world of work.

Governor Inslee is honored to have Brad Smith, Microsoft President and Chief Legal Counsel, and Perry England, Chair of Washington's Workforce Board and a vice president at MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions, serve as co-chairs of the Career Connect Washington Task Force.

On reflecting on the importance of the Task Force, Perry England shares that "Being career and college ready is not a choice. It is a necessity. The workforce development system is a committed partner and the enabling agent to making sure this objective is realized and maintained for decades to come."

Brad Smith shares "A career connected learning system that includes apprenticeships, mentorships, job shadows, and hands-on learning will allow businesses to meet their workforce needs and youth in our state to be prepared for great careers."

Our Task Force has a short time frame to make a big impact. To that end, the Task Force is designed to create high impact bursts of accomplishments in career connected learning within six months. Following is the Task Force meeting schedule. Before each meeting you will receive meeting goals and list of pre-reads to make the most of our shared time. After each meeting, you'll receive a list of follow up activities.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Date	Time	Location
August 29	1pm-3pm	Microsoft Redmond Campus
September 20	4pm-6pm	Microsoft Redmond Campus
October 30	1pm-3pm	Microsoft Redmond Campus
November 8-10		Zurich, Switzerland
November 28	TBD Washington STEM Summit	Microsoft Redmond Campus

Attached, you'll find a list of Career Connect Washington Task Force members who will be part of our team. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to working with all of you in the months to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eleni', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director
Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board