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- How do you see CTE reflected in our strategic plan The Bellingham Promise?
- Are there any concerns you have regarding the accessibility or quality of CTE offerings at our schools?
- How do you view the role of CTE in preparing students for the local workforce and economy?
- How can schools and the community work together to ensure that CTE offerings reflect the needs and priorities of local industries?

At the end of the small group time, Dr. Baker asked each group to share briefly what they had discussed. Following is a summary of the comments shared:

- How could we have more diverse offerings in our CTE portfolio? Compared to county school districts, we do not have a lot of agriculture offerings. That could be a growth area for us.
- We think CTE connects to The Bellingham Promise because it helps students identify passion areas.
- Hands on learning is a strength of CTE.
- We appreciate the strong tech offerings in Bellingham Public Schools.
- Lots of different pathways to accommodate student needs. We really appreciate that.
- Would love to build more opportunities and connections in the community, especially in health care.
- Industry leaders are looking for people with soft skills in addition to an academic background. We want students to be skilled at communication.
- The workforce will have a lot of retirements in the coming years, and we need to help students find the right opportunities to fill these slots.
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the community, and it's important that the board hears what our community needs and expects of our district. He adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approved:



Douglas Benjamin, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

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