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SUBJECT: Supporting Students and Employees Impacted by School Closures – Information Only

The recent closure of postsecondary institutions, such as ITT Technical Institute and Brown Mackie, and their significant impact locally and nationally on students and employees has been noted in the news. This bulletin offers resource information that may be shared with displaced students and employees impacted by this type of event.

Students affected by the closure of a postsecondary institution may visit the U.S. Department of Education website <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/closed-school> . The federal agency launched a new online package of supports to aid students affected by college closures. The resources, available at <https://nextstepsedu.org> will match students with experienced financial aid and academic counselors throughout the country who can provide critical guidance as they determine how best to continue their studies. In addition, the Department of Education also announced plans to restore semesters of Pell Grant eligibility for eligible students who were unable to complete their programs because their institution closed.

For displaced school employees, local One-Stops and WIOA providers are expected to offer employees affected by the closure of an institution of postsecondary education with the full range of career and training services for which they are eligible, including career counseling and job search assistance; resume preparation and interviewing skills workshops; local labor market information provision; and education and training opportunities, as well as supportive services, unemployment insurance, and other services where applicable.

WIOA providers are encouraged to share this information with any students or employees affected by the closure of postsecondary institutions as noted in this bulletin.