August 2020

Dear Student / Parent,

On behalf of the entire staff at the Academy at Milliken Technical Center, I would like to welcome you to not only our programs, but back to school as well! We are excited to meet you and get back into the classroom! We are open for in-person instruction 5 days a week for the 2020-2021 school year unless directed otherwise by executive order.

In Career and Technical Education (CTE) you have so much to look forward to. This school year will be full of unique experiences since your learning environments have the added excitement of labs and shop space for practical learning that replicate the work place and standards of industry. Our programs' curricula is extensive and rigorous, but the application of knowledge to practical work will reinforce your learning and understanding. Your classroom becomes your work environment where you not only apply your skills, but also learn valuable lessons in work ethic and commitment. You can anticipate learning what it feels like to be hired, fired and promoted within the workplace. We encourage you to try new things and learn from your failures, because without failures you fail to learn. Your teachers are professionals with years of experience and appropriate certificates for their teaching assignments. The advantage of having experienced professionals deliver instruction affords you the knowledge and skills necessary for successful entry into trade specific employment.

Our first day open to students is Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Your first day depends on your school district’s transportation plan. Rest assured, whichever day you arrive we will welcome you with open arms, albeit at 6ft with appropriate face covering of course! Attached to this letter is important information that students and families should familiarize themselves with prior to arrival. Most important to note at this time is that temperatures must be taken at home to ensure it is less than 100⁰F and face coverings must be worn at all times. Entry to our center is an attestation to the COVID health statements under the section titled Health and Safety in the attachment to this letter.

We look forward to seeing you all and supporting your growth. We are confident you will enjoy your learning experience and are hopeful you take part in our community building activities offered by our SkillsUSA chapter. Participation in our student-led organization affords you the opportunity to develop leadership skills and compete in your trade on the regional, state and national level. In addition, students are also encouraged to strive for membership to the National Technical Honor Society by meeting the eligibility requirements and earning teacher recommendations.

We are eager to get this school year started! Please enjoy the remainder of your summer, and we look forward to a very successful 2020-2021 school year!

IMPORTANT: All YELLOW forms in this packet must be completed and returned to Milliken Technical Center on your first day of school.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Martino
Principal