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Dear BCIT Parents, Guardians and Students,

I am delighted to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all students, parents, and guardians to the new academic year at the Burlington County Institute of Technology. As the Superintendent, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each member of our school community for your continuous support, cooperation, and commitment toward the important work we do at BCIT and in education. Please continue to follow us on our social media channels for important updates and ongoing progress made within the district.

As the summer creates opportunities to rest, relax and be refreshed, we at BCIT have had an eye on the start of the new school year and creating a great experience for the students entrusted to us. Upgrades to our HVAC systems should be completed by the start of the school year and new signs will be visible at our entrances to greet our visitors. We also anticipate the breaking of ground this school year for the Medford and Westampton campus expansions. This represents an exciting chapter in our effort to prepare students for the future that does not yet exist. The expansion and anticipated renovation of some classroom space will also allow us to offer a new CTE program in September 2024 focused on video game design. We are also exploring the addition of Homeland Security and Fire Science as another new CTE program.

As we embrace the future, starting at the end of this month, our support staff and administrators will be trained on the latest artificial intelligence tools to enhance personal and professional growth, efficiency and workflow. Our educational staff will be provided multiple sessions this fall to learn about the latest application of artificial intelligence tools to enhance the classroom experience for our students. As we learn more about the new tools and applications, we are very much aware of the importance of security, safety and privacy, which will be a high priority.

We strive to provide a safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environment that promotes student success, well-being, respect, tolerance, diversity and equity of opportunity. We have implemented various programs and initiatives that focus on mental health, resilience, and promoting positive relationships. Our dedicated counseling team is available to provide guidance and support to students and families, addressing individual needs and concerns. Our teachers, staff, and administrators are ready to continue to nurture your child's potential, ignite their imaginations, and equip them with the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed academically, emotionally, physically and personally while earning stackable industry credentials and potentially college credits while in high school.

We believe in cultivating a sense of belonging, respect, and responsibility among students, teachers, staff, and parents. Working together, we can create a positive atmosphere that fosters a growth mindset, resilience, and a lifelong love for learning. We encourage open communication between home and school, recognizing the vital role parents and guardians play in their child's education.

BCIT and the Board of Education are committed to providing an exceptional education that supports innovation, promotes student well-being, and ensures social and emotional support. We believe that innovation plays a crucial role in preparing our students for the ever-changing world they will inherit. Our district is committed to providing opportunities for students to explore, create, and think critically, fostering an environment that encourages curiosity and problem-solving.

As we look forward to the start of the school year, we remind our parents and guardians prior to the start of the school year to be mindful of a requirement to sign off on the Genesis Parent Portal which will require the update to student medical information, family contact information and acknowledgement of key policies pertaining to school operations. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and collaboration.

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Important information may be found on our district website at www.burlesoschools.org and select BCIT, which include some of the following:

- The District Calendar
- The Parent/Student Handbook
- Information regarding emergency school closings
- Information regarding cafeteria services
- District Policies
- Information regarding the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for students

We wish everyone a pleasant remainder of the summer, and hope you join in our enthusiasm for a great year of learning. We thank you for entrusting your child to BCIT and thank our Board of Education and the Burlington County Board of Commissioners for the ongoing support of our mission and purpose.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Christopher Nagy
Superintendent