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Dear Students and Families:

Providing a good education is one of the most important duties I have as superintendent of the Burlington County Institute of Technology, which I take seriously. According to the US Department of Labor, US Department of Education, and the Diploma Counts Report, an individual with just some vocational training will earn, over a lifetime, approximately twice that of a high school graduate without such training; add some on-the-job or apprentice training or career-technical training courses, and this increases to three times that of a typical high school graduate. Industry experts project there will be 47 million job openings by 2018. About one-third of these positions will require an associate's degree or certification. Nearly all of these will require real-world skills that can be mastered through Career and Technical Education (CTE). CTE prepares students for the fastest growing, in-demand career fields, such as healthcare, engineering, business and finance, hospitality, green energy, arts, agriculture, building trades, culinary, and information technology. These are careers that contribute to society in a positive way, and make a difference.

Now is the time to take advantage of preparing our young men and women at the high school level, as well as those in our post-secondary adult division at one of the best Career and Technical Education programs in the state. The tide is shifting across America and the return on investment in career and technical education sets our students apart from others. Leaving school with little or no debt, earning an industry recognized credential, being exposed to an opportunity to explore career major interests, and for many, pursuing of a post-secondary education in a desired career only adds to the value of this experience. To this end, I enthusiastically embrace this privilege to be a co-creator of opportunities along with each student, parent or guardian for learning, leading and flourishing within our CTE educational setting and beyond.

Extraordinary, rewarding, humbling and transformational are the words that come to mind when working with our students, professional staff, administrators, parents, families, Board of Education members, County Freeholders and the Burlington County educational community at large when promoting and working toward a shared vision of educational excellence and opportunities for all students. I encourage you to check out our [Facebook Page](#) for a snapshot of the extraordinary work that occurs every day at BCIT. I also encourage you to visit [Smore.com](#) to follow monthly e-newsletters that capture the excellence that takes place in our schools. We are proud of what we do and who our students become after receiving a CTE education from BCIT. I am also a firm believer that we have to continue to search to be better people, educators and students. To this end, I welcome you to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns with me to enhance the product we deliver.

Thank you once again for the gift of your child and your support.

Sincerely yours,

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