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Message to Parents

Considering a future career pathway can be a daunting decision since there are so many choices available. Very few people today have only one job or career; in addition, a career is an ongoing journey with numerous entrance and exit points.

To assist students with this career pathway consideration, I encourage parents (and students) to explore the 27 Career-Technical Education Programs offered throughout the six high schools within the Six District Educational Compact for these reasons:

- Programs include college prep academic classes as well as hands-on learning which allows students to apply the knowledge to real-world problems
- Programs offer some form of college credit upon successful completion of the program; many CTE program completers earn college scholarships
- Assist students with aligning their career interests, skills, passion, and purpose for an intended career - with little cost involved
- Programs highlight the power skills for a global market that employers seek, i.e., working in teams, problem-solving, communication with speaking and writing skills, etc.

The COVID-19 experience has transformed the workplace, which has impacted the Compact CTE programs as well – students have learned more about timeliness, resilience, being more creative with problem-solving and critical thinking.

Many post-secondary opportunities exist following program completion – associate and four-year degrees, military, direct employment, and apprenticeships. Combinations of these opportunities are often available.

Please review the Compact website; look at each career program site where you will see a 3D photograph of the lab, a program overview, and the digital notebook.

This information may help you determine the answer to this question: WILL YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER BE READY?

Thank you,

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