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for CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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Dear Steel Center students, families, and partners,

I continue to wish you well and good health as we continue through the school year. I am writing to provide you with some updates concerning our Covid-19 operations and mitigation efforts as well as some other important information and announcements.

Covid-19 Operations:

- Steel Center continues to operate under the hybrid instructional model with some students continuing to choose 100% remote learning. Our schedule for in-person learning remains: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday with remote learning on Wednesday for all students.
- Within the in-person learning framework, some students remain two days per week and as we announced last month, starting this week some students have begun increasing the days that they attend Steel Center.
- Increasing students' in-person learning days has been based on changes in member district instructional models and/or requests from our member districts. Our Health and Safety/Instructional plan was designed to be dynamic and adjust to changes within our member school districts' plans. We will continue to support and work cooperatively with your school districts regarding adjustments to instructional models.
- If students and families have questions regarding in-person learning days as well as transportation, be sure to reach out to your high school administration as well as Steel Center's main office. It is our goal to keep communications clear and consistent, and given the nature of Covid-19 operations it can be helpful to check with both systems when needed.
- For your reference, the updated COVID-19 Case Report has been posted to the COVID-19 Information section of our website www.steelcentertech.com.

Upcoming Events:

- February is Career and Technical Education Month, as part of this annual celebration Steel Center presents the "Educator of Distinction award" to recognize a faculty member who

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exemplifies the mission of Career and Technical Education by providing students with high quality learning experiences, promoting high standards for student achievement, and earning outside recognition from business, industry, and the public education system. The 2021 Steel Center Educator of Distinction is Advertising and Design teacher Mr. Scott Kane. While we have many deserving faculty members, since the Covid-19 pandemic began, Mr. Kane assumed a leadership role in supporting Steel Center faculty and staff with adapting to the challenges related to providing remote learning. Additionally, Mr. Kane's commitment to Steel Center's students, families, and communities along with his vision and technical skills resulted in our "Virtual Senior Recognition Ceremony" for the class of 2020 along with related celebration efforts including a personalized yard sign for every graduate. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Kane!

- Also as part of our observance of CTE Month, we are holding the annual CTE Month Celebration Ceremony virtually on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The ceremony will be shared on our website and YouTube channel on that day. This annual event includes a presentation of the students who have won the "Top of the Shop" and "Above and Beyond" awards for the first semester.
- Scheduling for current students who want to attend Steel Center next year is right around the corner. Between March 1st and March 15th, our student services department will be coordinating the process online for students to re-enroll for the 2021-2022 school year. Please reach out to Mr. Hinkle for more information.
- The application window for NEW students that wish to enroll in Steel Center for the 2021-2022 school year is open. Prospective new students and families should visit the "Prospective Students" page on our website. We will be releasing NEW Steel Center promotional videos and 3-D virtual tours next week.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

All the best,

Mr. Kevin E. Rice
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