

July 23, 2017

To the families of the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. We continue to rise! We continue to prosper! We continue to be a proud reflection of state expectations in career and technical education.

We survived a scare this year regarding the proposed 2017-2018 school year. Despite returning \$1.1 million, freezing the tuition rate for the third straight year (\$12,500), and cutting expenditures by \$100,000 for the current year, some districts did not support the budget. We must never take support for granted. We must always work to demonstrate the value that we are for the money our partner districts spend.

We will continue our "week about" schedule. Students will spend a week in academics and then a week in shop. This format allows us to resemble the world of work. Students have a start time of 8:10 a.m. Students get half an hour for lunch. Students have a quit time of 2:40 p.m. In the academic area we are able to provide instruction in a block format, extending the amount of time available to instruction.

We will continue to R.I.S.E. This acronym stands for Reaching Independence Striving for Excellence. The program is our student mentorship piece. Academic teachers are paired with vocational teachers. The curriculum explores careers and plans for the future.

We want to provide our students with an unparalleled experience. We want LCCTC to be their school. We will continue to offer activities beyond the classroom. Two Thursdays per month, our students will participate in activity period. For approximately, 1 hour students will be able to meet with their favorite club or activity.

We will have an orientation day for all new students, including those juniors who may be first time attendees to the LCCTC. It is scheduled for Thursday, August 24th between 9:00-11:00 a.m. All guests should arrive by 8:45 a.m. We will conclude orientation with a picnic-style lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will report to homeroom to pick up their schedule. During the first 3 days of school, students will be participating in grade level meetings to kick off the new year.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me by phone or email at <u>lrich@lcvt.tec.pa.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Leonard A. Rich Administrative Director

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