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To: Shawn Petri, Superintendent

From: Michael Evans, CTE Director

Date: June 5, 2025

Subject: CATIC Update

Field Trips

Thanks to the incredibly collaborative efforts of our CATIC instructors, students from the Public Safety, Medical Occupations, Business/Marketing, and Automotive programs recently had the opportunity to experience real-world learning in Detroit.

Students in the Public Safety and Medical Occupations programs teamed up to take exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of Little Caesars Arena and Comerica Park. These tours offered a rare glimpse into the medical and security operations that keep these major venues running smoothly. Students explored the inner workings of emergency response and public safety systems in a fast-paced, high-stakes environment.

Meanwhile, students in the Automotive and Business/Marketing programs visited the Ford F-150 Factory and Greenfield Village. At the Ford Rouge Plant, they observed firsthand how modern F-150 trucks are assembled on the production line. At Greenfield Village, they gained valuable historical insight into Henry Ford's vision and the evolution of the Ford Motor Company from its early days to its global presence today.

Students shared that the experience was both educational and inspiring. For many, especially those who had never traveled outside of Northern Michigan, this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that broadened their horizons and deepened their understanding of their chosen career pathways.

Local High School Awards Ceremonies

Throughout the month of May, Mr. Evans had the privilege of participating in Senior Awards Nights at all of our local high schools. During these events, he recognized CATIC students for their exceptional performance in Career and Technical Education programs. Instructors who were able to attend also took part in celebrating their students' achievements.

The experience sparked an exciting idea among the CATIC staff: the possibility of hosting a dedicated recognition ceremony exclusively for CATIC students. This would allow us to honor all of our students' hard work and accomplishments in one shared celebration.

Stay tuned for more information as plans begin to take shape!

CATIC Advisory Committee Meetings

In mid-May, CATIC instructors held their bi-annual Advisory Committee meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to gather valuable input from industry professionals and community partners to help guide and improve our programs.

Following a brief introduction from Mr. Evans—who emphasized the importance of honest, constructive feedback—committee members joined instructors in their classrooms for focused discussions. This open and candid approach sparked meaningful conversations, resulting in both affirming and challenging feedback.

Each program walked away with actionable insights and new ideas for improvement. Instructors are already working on plans to implement positive changes that will enhance student learning and better align our programs with industry needs.

These meetings continue to be a vital part of keeping CATIC programs current, responsive, and effective in preparing students for real-world success.