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To: Shawn Petri, Superintendent

From: Mike Evans, Director

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Subject: CTE Update

### Competitions

In early May, students from the Automotive Technology and Welding programs competed in the annual Ferris State University Automotive and Welding Competition. The highlight of the event was CATIC's overall victory in Automotive Technology. A student who had previously earned second place at the SkillsUSA competition went on to dominate the Ferris State event. As a result, he earned a variety of tools and, most notably, a 2012 Nissan Altima for the CATIC Automotive Technology program.

The Welding team also performed well, demonstrating strong technical skills throughout the competition. While they did not place in the top three in any category, the experience provided valuable insight and motivation as they prepare for future competitions.

During May, Ogemaw Heights High School hosted Construction Trades and Machine Tool competitions. Instructors Brian Klein (Construction Trades) and Kyle Sisco (Machine Tool) welcomed students and instructors from across Michigan to the newly remodeled facility. Construction students were challenged to design and build deer blinds, while Machine Tool students utilized CAD programming and CNC machinery to design and manufacture highly precise model train tracks.

### Highlights from the Classrooms

In late May, students from the Medical Occupations and Public Safety programs toured the medical and security facilities at Comerica Park and Little Caesars Arena. During the visit, healthcare and security professionals provided students with a behind-the-scenes look at careers in their respective fields. Students gained firsthand insight into the operations that help keep athletes, staff, and spectators safe and healthy while exploring areas of the facilities not typically accessible to the public.

Students across CATIC are also completing industry-recognized credentials and earning college credit as they finish the school year. Business and Marketing students are earning Microsoft Office certifications. Automotive students are completing State Mechanic Certification examinations. Welding students continue to earn multiple industry certifications. Medical Occupations students are obtaining Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credentials. Additionally, students in

Education, Public Safety, and Cosmetology have earned numerous Kirtland Community College credits through their coursework.

### Looking to the Future

As CATIC continues to develop and refine its programs, student interest remains strong. This is reflected in enrollment projections for the 2026–2027 school year. Currently, CATIC anticipates serving approximately 220 students from local districts.

### Projected Enrollment by District:

- Crawford AuSable School District (CASD): 62
- Fairview Area Schools (FAS): 17
- Houghton Lake Community Schools (HLCS): 51
- Mio AuSable Schools (MAS): 13
- Roscommon Area Public Schools (RAPS): 59
- West Branch-Rose City Area Schools (WBRC): 14
- Atlanta Community Schools (AEA): 4

These enrollment figures demonstrate the continued value students and families place on career and technical education opportunities offered through CATIC.





