

Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County

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Greetings CTC Students and Families!

The new school year is about to begin and like all of you who are either starting out as a new student or are transitioning to a new level at CTC, I too am starting in a new position at CTC as the new Director. I am excited that we are all starting on a new journey together and I look forward to seeing the advancements and accomplishments you will make during the upcoming school year.

This past summer, we have been very busy at CTC preparing for the upcoming school year, which starts Wednesday, August 31, 2022. If your school district starts after August 31, I am happy to announce that they will be providing transportation to CTC starting August 31, 2022. So please reach out to your school district to find out transportation information.

Our current student enrollment for the upcoming school year is 925 students, which is the largest it's been in quite some time! We continue to improve programs by adding new equipment that aligns with industry standards, increasing industry certifications, offering Advanced Placement courses and dual enrollment opportunities. All of this helps prepare you to become both career and college ready by the end of your senior year at CTC. More importantly, it means that you will have AMAZING opportunities to not only learn a new skill but to meet new people, to make new friends, and to get involved with your peers at CTC school events!

Some other things that we have been busy with in preparing for the start of the school year is the development of our school's Comprehensive Plan, increasing school safety measures, and developing Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) trainings and resources for both staff and students. I believe all of this, including the increased knowledge of helping to build SEL, will make CTC an even more enjoyable place to learn.

In addition to these changes, we are starting our new Automated Manufacturing Program, which will prepare students for the 1200 different entry level positions in manufacturing companies located throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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I am hopeful that for the 22-23 school year, CTC will be able to provide in-person instruction for ALL 184 student days without interruption since the CDC has recently lifted some of the previous COVID19 guidelines. A person no longer needs to quarantine if the person is exposed to COVID19, regardless of vaccination status. This means that we will be reverting back to our pre-pandemic absentee policy that only a doctor's note will be accepted for medically excused absences.

And last but not least, I'd like to highlight that our school maintenance and custodial staff have been very busy this summer working diligently to ensure your classrooms are ready for the start of the school year. I thank them for their commitment and I think you will all be amazed with how wonderful the school looks!

I look forward to starting our new journey together in the 22-23 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karla Carlucci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Karla Carlucci, Ed.D.
Director