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Dear Beaver County CTC Students and Families,

We hope that you and your families are safe and healthy. As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, the pandemic conditions that we concluded the 2019-2020 school year remain with us. Our team here at the CTC has spent countless hours discussing, researching and analyzing how we best can present career and technical education at the Beaver County Career & Technology Center while meeting health and safety guidelines. As Administrative Director, I continue to work with each of our sending districts superintendents and our intermediate unit on the local level. I also meet regularly with the Pennsylvania Association of Career Technical Administrators (PACTA) and my CTC director colleagues here in Western Pennsylvania.

In final consultation with our superintendents, I am announcing that the Beaver County CTC will open in a virtual mode of educational delivery for the first nine-week grading period. The first day of school will be Monday, August 31, 2020. The updated school calendar is available on our website (www.bcctc.org). We are in the planning stage for an *in-person* orientation for students on August 27 and August 28. The orientation will be approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour in length. The orientation will be held on an individual school district basis to allow us to comply with health and safety guidelines. More information will be forthcoming soon on the schedule and details for the orientation.

The following information is a brief summary of some specific points of interest:

- All CTC instructors will physically be at the CTC each day delivering instruction.
- The AM session will be from 8:30 am – 10:30 am. The PM session will take place from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
- Attendance will be taken daily. Attendance expectations remain the same as in-person education delivery.
- Grading will return to our normal grading practices. The pass/fail policy introduced this past spring is no longer applicable.
- Staff will be available for students, families and our sending school districts to support individual student needs.

We strongly recognize that career and technical education is best-served in-person and hands-on. We hope that conditions allow us to resume normal operations for the second nine-week grading period on October 30, 2020. The Beaver County CTC team is excited to embark on our 43rd year of career and technical education. We remain committed to serve our students and families regardless of our current circumstances. We appreciate your patience, support and confidence. Much more information to come!

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