



December 1, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

“America's economy has a growing labor crisis -- a shortage of skilled construction workers. These men and women -- carpenters, plumbers, electricians and masons -- put a roof over your head. They're getting harder and harder to find, at a time when -- with two devastating mainland storms in the past month -- they've never been more needed.”

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/labor-shortage-a-new-blueprint-for-americas-construction-trades/>

“There are an estimated 30 million jobs that pay at least \$55,000 per year and don't require a bachelor's degree.”

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/education/decades-pushing-bachelors-degrees-u-s-needs-tradespeople>

While employable right after graduation, the majority of our students who completed programs at our Career and Technical Institute (CTI) chose to go on to college. Many of the programs at CTI have articulation agreements with colleges and students can earn anywhere from 3 to 11 college credits depending on the program and college.

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018 your student will have the opportunity to explore CTI. Enclosed is the list of current programs and students will have the ability to visit two of these. Please return the signed permission slip completed with your students' two choices of program by Friday, December 22, 2017.

There is no obligation to attend CTI simply by attending the trip. If your student is interested in attending a program at CTI, an application must be filled out and returned to your student's School Counselor by March 17, 2018. Only students who've met their 10th grade course requirements will be considered. Students must maintain good academic standing, attendance, and satisfactory behavior.

If you have any questions or want further information, contact your student's counselor and/or visit the CTI website at www.dcboces.org/cti.

Sincerely,

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