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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Next week, we will be back to school! I hope you are having a great summer and are ready to return or begin your journey at one of the academies of the Ocean County Vocational-Technical School (OCVTS) District. We hope to continue to offer you an exceptional educational experience.

OCVTS has worked timeously over the summer to prepare our buildings, schedules, and daily actions with safety and health procedures. Our ventilation systems have been cleaned, sanitized and maintained throughout the summer. Filters are scheduled to be cleaned and sanitized quarterly, twice the manufacturers' recommendation. Thermal temperature readers have arrived and will be used daily for all staff and students. Alcohol based sanitizers are placed in every classroom and dispensing units can be found at the entrance of all buildings. Hallways will provide CDC information as reminders of the importance of face coverings and social distancing. Handwashing will be emphasized to all staff and students and use of the sanitizers will be suggested when handwashing is not available. Our custodial staff have been provided with the disinfecting procedures, sanitizers, disinfectant equipment, and protective equipment needed to clean our classrooms, restrooms, hallways etc. daily. Additional custodians have been hired to support these additional requirements for our buildings.

Your administrators and teachers are looking forward to sharing their passion and expertise with the students. There have been many changes over the past six months in terms of education but one thing that has not changed is our district's theme **"Life is a Journey...Better Get Good Directions"**. Our staff is ready to provide good directions and welcome the students either in-person or remotely on September 8th.

The academies will participate in an A/B schedule, full-time day. As all staff and students enter the buildings, temperatures will be taken daily. All staff and students are required to wear face coverings.

What is most important and is emphasized by the Department of Health and CDC is to stay home when you are not feeling well. Covid-19 has various symptoms and the need to confine yourself for the safety of others will be paramount in keeping our buildings safe and healthy.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and are looking forward to a year packed with rewarding experiences.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Homiek
Superintendent

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Assistant Superintendent

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Business Administrator