



**Board of Education/Administration Office**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to begin the school year. We are fortunate to be able to serve students at our Brick, Jackson, and Toms River locations through Title I funding.

Title I is a federally funded program for the purpose of improving student achievement to prepare students for success in careers and college. Ocean County Vocational Technical School's Title I targeted assistance program will provide supplemental instruction in Mathematics and/or Language Arts and Literacy as related Career and Technical Education (CTE) from certified content area instructors for targeted students that could benefit from additional academic support. Students will also receive integrated mathematics and language arts/literacy instruction through theory and hands-on learning opportunities provided in their chosen vocational program. The program is designed to strengthen the students understanding of Math and/or Language Arts Literacy concepts and skills through standards-based, collaborative, interdisciplinary, and competency driven practical learning opportunities that will prepare students to adapt and succeed in an increasingly technical and evolving workplace. The following criteria are used to place the students in the program: diagnostic assessments, OCVTS teacher/counselor referral, student monitoring of integrated mathematics and language arts/literacy grades, and parent request. Student progress will be monitored by certified teachers and students can exit from the program once they demonstrate that they are no longer at-risk to meet the interdisciplinary learning standards associated with the vocational program.

Title I resources are made available on our district website and can be found at <http://www.ocvts.org/hm/resources/parent.html> . Parent input is essential in helping us identify how we can improve working together as partners. Parents are involved in the development of plans including the Parental Involvement Policy 2415.04 and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Please consider filling out the Title IA Parent Comment Form on the website and forward it to Gary MacDonald. Please monitor your student's progress through our Parent Portal provided by Realtime, which can be found under "Quick Links" on our website [www.ocvts.org](http://www.ocvts.org) .

Due to protocols and procedures in the current school year we will host a Virtual Parent Engagement Meeting on **October 1, 2020**. The URL address for the meetings can found listed below. Please consider attending to learn more about the program. Additional opportunities for parent engagement are provided through participation in our district's General Advisory and specific vocational program Craft Advisories. To learn more about how to participate please contact the administrator of the building that the vocational program is located.

If you have questions about our Title I program, or would like to provide suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 732-240-6414 x3330 or by email [gmacdonald@mail.ocvts.org](mailto:gmacdonald@mail.ocvts.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary MacDonald", is written over a white background.

Gary MacDonald  
Director of Curriculum & Grants

**Brick Center**

<https://sites.google.com/ocvts.org/brick>

**Jackson Center**

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**Toms River Center**

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