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Dear Students:

Congratulations on your decision to attend one of our programs at the Ocean County Vocational Technical School District (OCVTS), for the 2020-21 school year. I want to personally welcome you to our new school year, which begins September 8, 2020. This date may vary from your home high school; your high school guidance office can assist you with any transportation questions you may have regarding the first day of school in your vocational program.

It is our hope that you will approach this opportunity with interest and motivation. The job skills that you will learn will be both personally satisfying and financially rewarding. Our experienced and highly talented staff will provide you with state-of-the-art training. This education will enable you to either enter the world of work or continue your education at a two or a four-year college through one of our growing Tech Prep programs.

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. Purell hand 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.

Face coverings are required to be worn by students and staff.

What is most important and is emphasized by the Department of Health and the 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.

Vocational education represents a learning-by-doing approach to the world of education. When you graduate from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School, you will have a number of very interesting options for your future. These options include furthering your education (full-time or part-time), going directly to work, entering the armed services, or gaining practical work experience before continuing your education. No matter which option you choose, always remember that our Adult Evening Division provides excellent post-secondary programs for our graduates seeking further training.

In keeping with the OCVTS district green initiative, all student information will be available online on our Parent Portal. Progress reports and report cards will not be mailed home which helps reduce the district's carbon footprint. Information on accessing the portal will be sent home the second week of school.

I truly hope you had a healthy and great summer and I look forward to welcoming you to our school district in-person or virtually, in September. I have enclosed a copy of our school calendar for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Student Services Department: 732-473-3100, extension 3125.

Sincerely,

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

Karen Homiek
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