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New Career Tech Center in Huber Heights to host a grand opening ceremony in August

HUBER HEIGHTS, OH – The Wayne High School Career Tech Center is set to open on August 10, 2023 with a grand opening ceremony. The ceremony will be held at Wayne High School, with tours starting at 4:30 p.m. and the ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. Huber Heights City Schools Superintendent, Jason Enix, will give a brief opening note, and various district and city officials, community members and HHCS Board members will be in attendance. This event is open to the public, and the district extends an invitation to all Huber Heights community members.

Launching a Career Technology Center meets a significant goal of the HHCS 2021-2026 strategic plan, which was to have "newly constructed maker and lab spaces that will support the integration of skilled trades, STEM and career pathways as part of our core curriculum." Financed by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, WHS CTC is established in collaboration with Miami Valley Career Tech Center. MVCTC's Career Technical Education will provide Huber Heights' students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed across a variety of career pathways.

In fact, 91% of MVCTC graduates continue their education at a college, university or technical school, and 52% of students earned industry credentials in 2019-2020. That means more than half of their students graduated from high school career-ready!

The cumulative 18,000 square feet of WHS CTC will offer programs in welding, construction trades, and heating, air conditioning and cooling (HVAC). Since the CTC is built on the WHS campus, Wayne students will have the opportunity to pursue education in high-demand career tech jobs without leaving their peers, or Huber Heights. They will receive high-quality training while staying connected to their identity as a Wayne Warrior.

WHS CTC will serve students in 11th and 12th grade. Students may apply to MVCTC during their sophomore year. Factors that may influence acceptance into the program include good attendance in 9th and 10th grade, good academic standing and satisfactory progress in earning credits toward graduation. There is no cost to apply or attend.

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Huber Heights City Schools serves 5,900+ students in grades PK-12 at one preschool, five elementary schools, one junior high school, one senior high school and one Career Tech Center. Its mission is to "Empower our students to be academically and socially prepared for their futures through the support of excellent teachers and staff, families and community partners."