

PROCLAMATION

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Month

Whereas, the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February 1-28, 2023, as Career and Technical Education Month (i.e. Georgia's Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education); and

Whereas, Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education increases graduation rates and improves academic performance through meaningful experiences, thus improving the quality of their education, engaging students, preparing them for careers and post-secondary education, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

Whereas, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

Whereas, Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education programs in the **DeKalb County School District** have become a rigorous, progressive, and vital part of the total education system, which is committed to providing students with rewarding opportunities to learn valuable career and life skills; and

Whereas, Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education programs in the **DeKalb County School District** are successfully partnering with business and industry to ensure students are equipped with the advanced communication, time management, and leadership skills required for lifelong career success; and

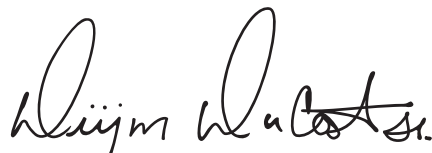
Whereas, Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education programs in the **DeKalb County School District** are continually providing students with opportunities to gain invaluable work-based learning experiences through apprenticeships, internships, and cooperative education programs; and

Whereas, Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education programs in the **DeKalb County School District** have shown a genuine commitment to preparing students for their "lives after high school" by providing them opportunities to earn career-ready diploma seals, explore their individual career options, gain industry-recognized credentials, and receive college credit; and

Whereas, Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education programs in the **DeKalb County School District** provide equity and access for students from all socioeconomic backgrounds and academic ability levels preparing them for high-skills, high-wage, and in-demand careers; and

Whereas, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of Career, Technical, and Agricultural educators with business and industry stimulate growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecasted to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade.

Therefore, be it resolved that the **DeKalb County School District** do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2023, as Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Month in February 2023 and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career, technical, and agricultural education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.



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