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Dear Steel Center Families:

Career and technical education classes will resume at Steel Center Tech via distance learning on Monday, March 30, 2020. Information regarding this is posted to our school homepage: www.steelcentertech.com. Instructors will maintain regular/daily contact with students to ensure continuity of educational services. Likewise, our Student Services and Special Education departments will continue to assist pupils as needs arise. All students enrolled at Steel Center are expected and required to attend classes daily, regardless of whether or not their sending high schools are in session. If you encounter any issues along the way, please feel free to email faculty directly. A complete list of contacts is available on our website: www.steelcentertech.com.

We could not be more proud of how our faculty and staff has come together in preparation for distance learning amid all the obstacles associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Their commitment and innovation will only prove beneficial to students, despite less-than-ideal circumstances. In order for your sons and daughters to fully benefit from distance learning, educational experts and the Steel Center team advises the following:

- Create family schedules that accommodate distance learning;
- Get dressed in regular school clothes, as to helping normalize a non-normal situation;
- Practice time management—remember to take breaks, move around, and grab snacks;
- Connect and talk with friends remotely to socialize, share ideas, and converse about experiences.

We are optimistic that our staff and students will persevere through this new and unexpected phase, though understandably staying home and not having direct access to CTE labs and shops will likely become frustrating. We have to remember that we are not the only ones dealing with this, and this too shall pass. We promise to do everything possible to meet the needs of our students and to make sure that distance learning is a worthwhile educational experience for your sons and daughters. We are in it together! If you have any questions and/or concerns that I can assist with, do not hesitate to contact me at the school: 412.469.3200, extension 6743 or RFrioni@steelcentertech.com.

Yours in education,

Dr. Robert E. Frioni

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