Dear Students:

Welcome to the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center. Congratulations for choosing a great place to start your career. Here you can build basic skills in your chosen career field that will enable you to gain an entry level job related to your program.

Some of you may enter the work force immediately after graduation. Others may need to continue their education for more training to get an even better job. Every program here has post-secondary opportunities available at local colleges. The huge advantage that Tawes completers have is that with the entry level work skills from the programs offered here, you can support yourself working almost anywhere in the country, even while you are involved with additional training.

Our goal is for you to develop skills and work habits that employers are looking for. School is like practicing for sports. What you do in practice, you will do in the game. In the same way, the manner with which you conduct yourself here should be how you will conduct yourself on the job. It doesn’t work to apply yourself only part of the time and then expect that you can work hard later. Employers know this and they will be looking at your school record to make hiring decisions. We have the added opportunity that we can offer internships for some of our programs so you can work on a job while earning credit if we think you are ready. Internships really impress many employers. The lesson is: Always do your Best!

I look forward to working with each of you and wish you a great year. J. M. Tawes Yellow Jackets that work hard can be the most successful graduates of Somerset County Public Schools!

Keith O’Neal, Principal