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Senator Beagle Sees First Hand the Value of Career Technical Education at MVCTC

Clayton, Ohio – Senator Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City), visited the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) campus on Friday, January 25, 2013, to tour the campus and meet with students and staff. Senator Beagle is the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Workforce & Economic Development, the work being done at MVCTC to prepare students for the workforce of tomorrow, is right in-line with the goals of Senator Beagle’s committee.

Senator Beagle toured MVCTC high school programs and spoke with many students and staff about their classes and experiences at MVCTC. This included visiting the MVCTC Computer Technology Academy – GIS and Technical Intelligence Program, Dental Assistant, Biotechnology, Computer Network Engineering, Precision Machining, Robotics, and Aviation Maintenance Technician Program. GIS senior, Jacob Pepple (Arcanum), shared with Senator Beagle the project he created using 2012 election data to map in ArchGIS software the Ohio school district election results. "MVCTC has prepared me for the future by introducing me to a more professional environment. Throughout my junior and senior years at MVCTC, my classes have demanded 100% effort for completion. Through this hard work I am more prepared to face the real demands of the work force. MVCTC has also motivated me to become a better, well rounded individual. Reasonable rules and hard work has helped to develop my personality into that of a mature and hardworking professional," shared, Jacob.

After the tour was complete, Senator Beagle had the opportunity to meet with MVCTC Superintendent, Dr. Nick Weldy, and MVCTC Adult Education Supervisor Mrs. Amy Leedy.

Career Technical Education (CTE) encompasses 94 percent of high school students and 13 million postsecondary students in the United States and includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more. CTE is a major part of the solution to many national

economic and workforce problems, such as high school dropout rates, a weakened economy, global competitiveness and massive layoffs. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly one-third of the fastest growing occupations will require an associate's degree or a postsecondary vocational certificate. At a time when job opportunity is so critical, CTE programs in every community are ensuring students are adequately equipped with the skills to successfully enter the workforce.

For more information about MVCTC, please visit www.mvctc.com.

For over 40-years, MVCTC has been providing career technical education for 27 partner school districts encompassing five counties in Southwest Ohio. MVCTC is dedicated to providing in-demand workforce training for youth, adults, and organizations in the Miami Valley.

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