I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Center of Applied Technology South and congratulate you for making the decision to include Career & Technical Education as part of your son/daughter's high school curriculum. The school staff is dedicated to maintaining open communication between CAT South and parents, students and the AACPS school community. Our website, <u>www.catsouth.org</u>, is a good place to find information regarding school procedures, staff contacts, student accomplishments, organizations, curriculum initiatives, and activities involving the business community.

CAT South students also attend one of the 6 high schools located in the southern part of Anne Arundel County where they take academic, elective and extra-curricular courses. In addition to receiving an excellent career-oriented technical education, our students can elect to join the SkillsUSA organization. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure our country has a skilled workforce.

Each year, the 15 programs offered are well supported by the local business community. Our business partners support our students and teachers by participating in student interviews, the work-study program, Program Advisory Committees, guest speaking engagements, mentoring programs, Open House demonstrations, SkillsUSA competitions, and job shadowing experiences. Additionally, the business community consistently donates materials, equipment, and scholarship funds.

Our teachers are uniquely qualified as both industry professionals and MSDE certified teachers. They work together with members of the Support Services Team to aid students experiencing academic difficulty, our School Counseling office to assist with their academic/social and career development goals, and the Administrative team should behavior challenges interfere with their progress.

I wish your student the very best and pledge to work with the school staff to ensure they have an excellent Career & Technical education experience at CAT South.

Sincerely,

Adam Sheinhorn Principal

