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Governor Haley:

In light of your interest in having a career ready state, I am inviting you to take a tour of our school. We are a state supported, public, multi-district career and technology center in the upstate. Our school is very unique. Here are a few things that make us exceptional:

- We serve two districts, four high schools. Our Board is comprised of two-Anderson 1 Board Members and two Anderson 2 Board Members and their superintendents are ex-officio members.
- Budget: Approved by the Anderson delegation
- Enrollment: Over 1500 students each year for the past 10 years and almost 2000 students each year since 2008
- School Report Card: Excellent rating since 2002
- Rigor: Integrate rigor in every classroom including a math and English component in every class, every day
- Soft Skills: We implement an Employability Rating System (ERS) in each program that counts for 20% of the students final grade each quarter. This ERS encompasses things such as attendance, integrity, teamwork,...
- Program Competitions: Attended the national competition in at least one program area the past six years. So far this year we won the State Competitions in: VEX Robotics, Culinary Arts (4th year in a row), and Media Broadcasting-Radio Station.
- School-to-Work Experiences: Over 1,200 job shadows, co-ops, internships and service learning experiences each year.
- Industry Certifications: Offer over 18 student certifications
- WorkKeys: Implemented since 2005, over 85% of our students each year receive a National Career Ready Certificate
- Dual Credit: Seamless transition with local community college, Tri County Technical College (TCTC) in Mechatronics. When our students graduate high school, they will have two industry certifications from TCTC and they will be seven (7) classes short of an associate's degree. Dual credit will be offered in Welding and Automotive Technology from TCTC next school year.
- Programmatic: Culinary Arts program was award the Sullivan University's national award "Elite 50" and PLTW's Model School.
- Technology: Initiated a 1:1 Digital Innovation Initiative along with Anderson 1
- Feeder Districts: Unified with feeder districts. Calendar meetings yearly, feeder high schools schedule around our classes, tour all rising 8th and 9th graders, participate in parent

conferences.

- Graduation Rate: Above the State Average for the past 10 years
- Placement Rate: Above 95% over the past 10 years
- Students Master Core Competencies: Above the State Average for the past 10 years

This past November, Anderson Districts 3, 4 and 5 had a 15 year Local Option One Cent Sales Tax approved for the sole purpose to create a Career and Technology Center modeled after us. We are truly a special school and are anxious to share it with you.

I invite you to come and see what a successful career and technology center looks like. We look forward to working with your staff to schedule a visit. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Hollie

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