



## **For Immediate Release**

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## **February Recognizes Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month**

Each year during the month of February, the Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) celebrates the importance of Career & Technical Education (CTE) and the opportunities it provides to students across the country through a public awareness campaign called CTE Month. Ingham Intermediate School District is proud to offer 19 CTE courses to students in a variety of career pathways at the Wilson Talent Center (WTC), located in Mason, Michigan.

Career & Technical Education directly prepares students for high-wage, high-demand careers in a variety of fields including healthcare, manufacturing, information technology, hospitality and many more. Students participating in CTE programs experience many different types of education from classroom learning, to certification programs to work-based learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

According to a survey conducted by Applied Education Systems, eighty percent of CTE students say their CTE class helped them know where they were headed and seventy percent said that entering a CTE program of study helped them get better grades overall. More than 100,000 eleventh and twelfth grade students are enrolled in CTE programs in Michigan during a typical school year.

Students that attend the WTC are earning high school academic credit, free college credit as well as state and national industry certifications. Students are also assisted in preparing resumes, practicing interviewing and communication skills, and many are afforded the opportunity for work-based learning experiences with community business partners.

“It is amazing to us each day, the focus and determination that so many of our students have as they prepare for their future,” notes Joe Wenzel, Principal at the WTC. “As the son of a former CTE instructor myself, I know the true value of CTE and the many benefits that it provides students as they prepare for life beyond high school,” Wenzel also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit [Wilson Talent Center](http://www.inghamisd.org/wtc) ([www.inghamisd.org/wtc](http://www.inghamisd.org/wtc)).

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