



Jackson County Technology Center

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Mr. David Baggett, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Baggett:

I request your support for the Jackson County Technology Center's continued offering of the following career and technical education programs: Welding (CIP Code: 48.0508), Electrical (CIP Code: 46.0302), Aquaculture (CIP Code: 01.0303), and Sports Medicine (CIP Code: 51.0000).

Our district successfully self-funded the launch of these programs for the 2025-2026 school year, and student interest has exceeded expectations. As we begin planning for the 2026-2027 school year, several of these programs already have waitlists, and applications continue to increase. Welding alone has received significantly more applications than available seats, and both Electrical and Sports Medicine currently have students waiting for placement. Aquaculture enrollment is also projected to grow substantially due to increased student interest and strong local industry connections.

As you are aware, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College offers numerous career and technical education pathways that align with these programs. Our established partnership with MGCCC provides students with a seamless pathway to continue their education or transition directly into the workforce with industry-recognized skills.

Additionally, the FY27 Assurances Form for the Jackson County Technology Center will be included on the board agenda. Upon approval by the Jackson County School Board, the form will be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Education for final authorization.

Please forward this letter to the Jackson County School Board of Education for their review and approval. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Covington, Director