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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to formally express our continued support for the Jackson County Technology Center's career and technical education programs for the 2026–2027 school year: Welding (CIP Code: 48.0508), Electrical (CIP Code: 46.0302), Aquaculture (CIP Code: 01.0303), and Sports Medicine (CIP Code: 51.0000).

During the 2025–2026 school year, the Jackson County School District successfully self-funded the launch and expansion of these programs, demonstrating our strong local commitment to workforce development and student opportunity. The state-of-the-art facilities constructed to house these programs have been completed and are fully operational. Enrollment demand has exceeded capacity in multiple areas, with established waitlists in Welding, Electrical, and Sports Medicine, and Aquaculture is on pace for significant growth.

The Jackson County School Board remains fully committed to providing the financial resources necessary to sustain and grow these high-demand programs. Through Mississippi Senate Bill No. 3011 and House Bill No. 603, the district was allocated \$15 million to enhance career and technical education initiatives. These funds supported the construction and equipping of two modern facilities specifically designed to meet current industry standards and workforce needs.

The success of these programs during their initial year of implementation reflects both strong student interest and alignment with local and regional labor market demands along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Welding, Electrical, Aquaculture, and Sports Medicine represent critical workforce sectors that continue to expand, ensuring our students graduate with industry-recognized credentials and meaningful career pathways.

We are proud of the progress made and remain steadfast in our commitment to providing high-quality, workforce-aligned career and technical education opportunities for students in the Jackson County School District.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy A. Peterson
Chairwoman