

Proclamation *Proclamation*

Whereas

career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

Whereas

students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase student engagement and achievement; and

Whereas

career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework as well as pursuit of established programs of study and career pathways; and

Whereas

leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing and information technology; and

Whereas

career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

Whereas

ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness; and

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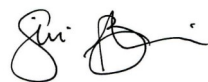
Lake Washington School District has approximately 18,799 students participating in 102 different career and technical education course options taught by 149 career and technical education teachers;

Therefore

the Board of Directors do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2023, as:



Dr. Jon Holmen, Superintendent



Board President

Career & Technical Education Month
in Lake Washington School District