



National Career & Technical Education Month Proclamation

Office of Superintendent Adams 12 Five Star Schools

WHEREAS: February 1-29, 2024, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: Career and Technical Education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness

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, such as advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, energy, health care, information technology, and transportation; 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: Career and Technical Education programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring our nation is a strong and competitive economy;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Chris Gdowski, Superintendent of Adams 12 Five Star Schools do hereby proclaim February 1-29, 2024, as

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in Adams 12 Five Star Schools and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the Career and Technical Education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Gdowski'.

Chris Gdowski, Superintendent

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