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Dear Student and Parent/Person in Parental Relation:

Greetings from the *Eastern L.I. Academy of Applied Technology* at the *Gary D. Bixhorn Technical Center!* Congratulations on your acceptance into one of our programs. I am excited to share this journey with you as you learn and grow in your program of interest. I am certain that your experience at BTC will prepare you to be both college and career ready.

Our first day open to students is Thursday, September 5, 2024. Your first day depends on your school district's transportation plan, therefore, please follow the districts schedule. Also, please be advised that students are not permitted to drive to our campus. All of our sending school districts provide transportation to our center and it is the expectation that students utilize it. Our morning session is 7:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., and the afternoon session is 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

During the first week of school, you will receive a packet containing a wealth of information that your teacher will review with you. Among that packet are (yellow) forms that need to be completed, signed (by yourself and your parent/guardian) and returned to us as soon as possible.

Back to school shopping looks a little different in CTE. While standard school supplies are still necessary, students will also be required to purchase trade specific items, and in many cases uniforms and/or proper clothing/footwear. Their teachers will provide valuable insight on where and what to purchase within the first week of school. Students are not required to purchase trade specific tools beforehand, unless a letter from your instructor has been received and says otherwise.

I strongly believe in Career and Technical Education and that all high school students should have the opportunity to be a part of this "Ultimate Experience". BTC students will be encouraged to feel empowered each day as they integrate into our programs which are designed to develop trade-specific skills, professionalism, leadership and active citizenry. The students are offered authentic hands-on field experiences, introduced to industry professionals, and learn from passionate, dedicated, knowledgeable and caring instructors who love what they do.

Attached, please find *Essential Frequently Asked Questions* regarding academy attendance. Feel free to visit our website at www.academyli.org and/or call our office at (631) 286-6500 with any questions. I am excited for a successful year filled with learning and growing together.

Feel the POWER!

(P)rofessionalism/(O)pportunities/(W)ork-Based Learning/(E)merging Leadership/(R)esponsible Citizens)

Sincerely,

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