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Dr. Roan Craig, Superintendent
Mahoning County Career Technical Center
7300 N. Palmyra Rd.
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Dear Dr. Craig:

MAGNET is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Mahoning County Career & Technical Center's Straight A application titled "Manufacturing/Shale Lab."

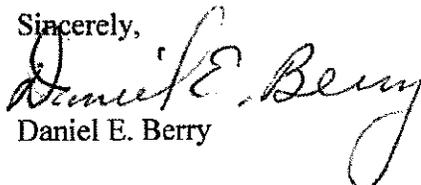
MAGNET was created to champion manufacturing in Northeast Ohio and to provide the services and resources our companies need to successfully compete in a global economy. We serve almost 7,000 manufacturers in the region that includes Mahoning County.

Through our work with these employers, we have identified the need for strategic workforce and talent development to address the current and future highly skilled worker shortages. We are working to promote the development of the talent needed by NE Ohio companies to meet their strategic objectives.

We support the plan of the career center to establish a modern manufacturing laboratory that would cross multiple career paths to further develop and enhance skills in the manufacturing and shale arena. The career center has committed to allow associate schools the opportunity to reserve the lab *and the teacher* to create learning opportunities for as many classes as possible in the associate schools. These include but are not limited to STEM and Project Lead the Way students. These activities will support regional talent development and help many more students gain the knowledge and hands-on experiences needed in advanced manufacturing and oil/gas/shale sectors and also provide real-world professional development for teachers.

We believe that this modern manufacturing laboratory will increase awareness about manufacturing career opportunities in the region and contribute to the growth of a highly skilled workforce, educated. We look forward to supporting your efforts and continuing to develop our partnership with you.

Sincerely,


Daniel E. Berry