



November 13, 2018

RE: Advance CTE Excellence in Action Award

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter as my support of the Southeastern Regional Vocational-Technical School to apply for the Advanced CTE Excellence in Action Award.

Project Lead The Way builds a strong foundation for college and career. Each PLTW Engineering and Computer Science course engages students in interdisciplinary activities like working with a client to design an app for their business, programming electronic devices or robotic arms, or exploring algae as a biofuel source. These activities not only build knowledge and skills in engineering and computer science, but also empower students to develop essential skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and perseverance.

By implementing these courses the information, knowledge, and skills the students at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School will gain are what is necessary to succeed in which-ever pathway they choose to go in.

Our courses are developed with industry, post-secondary and secondary teacher input. They are aligned to the National Standards and are included in an AP+PLTW Student of Distinction Award program. Through our courses students have over 200 different student opportunities from industry and our post-secondary partners. This includes internships, college credit, scholarships, etc.

Our support extends to providing world-class teacher professional development, ongoing training, ongoing support of programs through our Solution Center, mentor teachers, virtual coaches, real-world competitions for students and college fairs for students with college connections.

We are pleased to support their application for the Advance CTE Excellence in Action Award.

Sincerely:

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*"We inspire students to believe in their abilities, test their limits, and question what is possible."*

# Robert Shaker

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**November 20, 2018**

Ms. Weckesser  
Vocational Director  
Southeastern Regional Vocational High School  
230 Foundry Street  
Easton, MA 02375

**Dear Ms. Weckesser:**

As an Advisory Board member for Southeastern Regional, I am duly impressed with the vocational education delivered by your school. Specifically, in my dealings with the three educators in Computer and Electronics Engineering program, I have seen a strong commitment to teaching the STEM skills that are at the top of employers needs today.

Working with the team over the last five years, I have experienced their project-based curriculum in which students are required to learn basic skills and then thoughtfully apply them to real world problems. In my visits to the classroom to speak with the students, the passion for their vocation is evident. Whether it is working on 3D modeling, circuitry design or coding in a variety of languages, I see an integrated approach that demonstrates to students the value of working across disciplines. Unlike other programs that might tend to silo the technologies, Southeastern is providing a broad view of the many career paths that will be available in the coming years.

It has been my pleasure working with you and your team and I look forward to continuing to support your efforts. More importantly, I look forward to hearing the success stories that will undoubtedly arise as your students enter the workforce, perhaps working side-by-side with me.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Shaker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Robert Shaker**