

## Career & Technical Education Month Proclamation



Whereas, **February 1-28, 2014** has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

Whereas, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

Whereas, **career and technical education** provides students with the opportunity to see how classroom instruction connects to the world of work and future career opportunities and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to students leadership in the international marketplace; and

Whereas, **career and technical education** gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

Whereas, **career and technical education** offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

Whereas, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our state and local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing high school graduates through competency-based instruction for careers culminating in essential life skills, certified occupational skills, and meaningful employment.

NOW THEREFORE, I John Rothermel, President of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Fe Independent School District, do hereby proclaim **February 1-28, 2014** as **Career and Technical Education Month** in this school district and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, media, religious and educational institutions 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 work skills and productivity.

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**John Rothermel**

**Santa Fe ISD Board of Trustees President**

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