



**OKLAHOMA
CareerTech**

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Dear Superintendent Eubank and Members of the School Board,

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Oklahoma CareerTech's growth and success. I am writing to urge your consideration of a millage rate increase, which is crucial to ensuring that Mid-America continues to meet the needs of students and community.

Over the past five years, Mid-America has expanded capacity by adding eight new programs or additional sections. This deliberate growth reflects your shared commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities for students. Your steadfast support of these initiatives has been invaluable, and it demonstrates our collective dedication to meeting the workforce needs of Oklahoma.

Additionally, you have intentionally reinvested in your existing campus to show that prominence in your communities. While I anticipate this campus will remain your home, I see a need for growth in the northern part of your district.

I believe you face a critical challenge to meet the demand of your growing district. You have long relied on a "save and build" strategy to grow our facilities and programs, this approach is commendable but cannot meet demands at its current funding level. Without additional funding, your ability to operate and sustain new instructional program areas is severely constrained.

It's worth noting that 14 of the 29 tech centers across the state have faced similar challenges and made the decision to increase funding to grow and meet the demands of their communities. **Currently, Mid-America is one of only three tech center districts still operating on a 1-mill building fund, a funding model that Mid-America has clearly outgrown over the past two decades.**

A higher millage rate is not just about constructing new facilities—it is about sustaining and expanding the opportunities our students deserve. By approving such a measure, you will help ensure that Mid-America can continue to meet the needs of your community, now and in the future. This should be a decision made by the people of the district.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter and for your unwavering dedication to our schools and students.

Sincerely,

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