



INVESTMENT IN NEW JERSEY'S WORKFORCE BENEFITS STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS

THE NEED

STUDENT & PARENT DEMAND

NJ's 21 county vocational-technical schools average nearly **2.5 applicants** for every available seat.

WORKFORCE NEEDS

Employers **need a stronger employee pipeline** of candidates with advanced skills.



SECURING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE BOND ACT

Proposal: The Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act included **\$275 million** in state bond funding to support county vocational-technical school expansion.

Partnership: The Legislature, the Governor and the voters all supported and approved the bond act funding. County officials supported local projects with a 25% match.

Thoughtful Planning: Schools worked with area employers, colleges and workforce coalitions to develop projects targeted to regional economic needs, resulting in new and expanded programs to prepare students for career success in high-demand industries.

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS FUNDING GOALS REALIZED



4,736

new student seats added

13.5%

increase in capacity

21

grants awarded

18

counties benefitting

1,177

additional vocational
school graduates each year

47

new career programs

34

expanded career programs

10

new buildings

11

building additions

14

new higher education
partnerships

CTE GROWS STRONGER IN NEW JERSEY

Bolstered by the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act

CUTTING-EDGE CAREER PROGRAMMING



Advanced manufacturing, where the need for a skilled workforce is great

Biotechnology, dental assisting, sports medicine and other programs in the **health sciences**



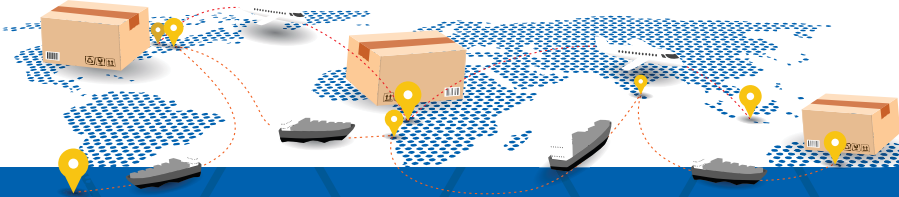
Cybersecurity, unmanned aerial systems and more in emerging career areas



Welding, electrical and others in **construction trades**



Global logistics, to prepare students for roles in our highly connected world



IMPRESSIVE NEW LEARNING SPACES

New Jersey's first DNA Learning Center offering a hands-on education in genetics



Advanced manufacturing learning labs equipped with 3D printers, CNC machines, laser cutters, welding equipment, robotics systems and more



Student-run café and eatery, renovated **conference center** with state-of-the-art features and a **seven-room hotel** – all operated by IT, hospitality and tourism students who will gain invaluable experience



Airplane hangar serving as a learning lab for new unmanned aerial systems and aviation maintenance technologies programs; **replica warehouses** for real-world learning in logistics and supply chain management



“ We repeatedly hear from employers who value the high level of professionalism and preparation vocational-technical school graduates carry with them into the workplace. The expansion of these schools means we can strengthen the employee pipeline for industries across New Jersey. Students benefit, employers benefit and the local and state economies are set to benefit for the foreseeable future. ”

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