

# High School Career and Technical Education Boasts a 90% Approval Rating!

This information is the result of a 2004 Exit Survey of **2,876** Illinois senior high school students who attended Area Career Centers for career and technical education. To assure 100% participation, Area Career Center Directors coordinated the survey implementation across eighteen of the twenty-four Centers in Illinois.

Across Illinois, secondary students from surrounding public high schools are engaged in course work at Area Career Centers to learn about careers through direct application. Centers are setup with specialized settings and highly qualified instructors to facilitate attendance by surrounding area public high school students. These students learn about today's careers and learn the technical and academic skills needed to succeed with postsecondary education, further training, and employment.

The 2004 Senior Exit Survey indicates:

- 97.2% stated they had a positive learning experience
- 93.7% stated they felt supported in setting their career goals
- 96% stated they experienced significant hands-on learning experiences
- 91% felt well prepared for their next life experiences
- 96% would recommend Area Career Centers to other students

Further, of those 2,876 Illinois Students:

- 24.3% stated they would attend a 4 year college
- 41.2% stated they would attend a 2 year college
- 13.6% stated they would attend a Vocational/Technical Training School
- 8.1% stated they would go to a branch of the Military
- 89.6% stated attending a CAREER CENTER strengthened their ACADEMIC ABILITIES IN MATH, READING, and SCIENCE

**If \$2,000,000 for career and technical education cannot be restored in the 2005 budget, we must take action to include the \$2,000,000 in the 2005 supplemental budget.**

"Career and Technical Education graduates are the roots of our communities." ~ Howard Mills, Service Manager, Sterling Ford, Sterling Illinois, September 2004

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