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Dr. Steve Nunez, President Pennsylvania Highlands Community College 101 Community College Way Johnstown, PA 15904

Dear Dr. Nunez:

I am writing to encourage the addition of Google Career Certificates to your curriculum.

In August, Governor Shapiro announced new public-private partnership between Google and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) to make the company's professional certificates available to students and the public. Google's new program is intended to provide job-ready skills for fast-growing, high-demand careers, and they are providing institutions access to these certificates for free.

Students at Penn Highlands Community College would greatly benefit from the implementation of Google Career Certificates into your curriculum. These professional certificates provide students with training in the areas of IT, user experience design, project management, and more. In addition, the program provides support in job-seeking by providing mock interviews, interview tips, and resume building workshops.

By providing Google Career Certificates at your institution, you can give students and the public better access to the knowledge and skills required for an increasingly digital economy. I encourage incorporating this program to prepare our workforce for tomorrow's careers.

Sincerely,

Frank Burns State Representative 72nd Legislative District