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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan  
President  
Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

I am writing to notify you of plans to move several curriculum programs in spring 2014, to a newly renovated state-of-the-art facility. The Universal Skills Center is a 398,000 sq. ft. facility that McDowell Technical Community College will share with small industries. The College will occupy approximately 50,000 sq. ft. with an expected renovation completion date of December 2013. The new facility will house the continuing education program Customized Industry Training as well as the currently offered curriculum programs: Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration, Electrical/Electronics Technology, Industrial Systems Technology, Machining Technology, and Welding Technology.

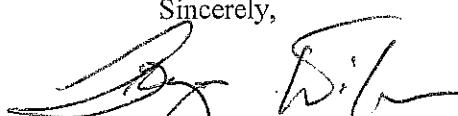
The Universal Skills Center, an extension of the main campus, will be located at 635 College Drive, but will have the same business operating address as the main campus at 54 College Drive, Marion, NC 28752. The Universal Skills Center property is contiguous with McDowell Technical Community College's main campus property; separated only by CSX Railroad right of way. All daily operations of the curriculum programs will continue to function as they do now.

This property/facility was purchased by McDowell County to provide for future College expansion and industrial recruitment and development. Once the loan debt is repaid, the square footage that McDowell Tech occupies will be deeded to the College. The renovations are being paid for by a grant from The Golden Leaf Foundation.

Moving these programs into this facility will allow for the creation of an "advanced manufacturing training center" to service existing industries. The newly created floor space will allow for additional equipment to be purchased as well as provide optimum room between machines.

Please feel free to contact me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Bryan W. Wilson  
President  
McDowell Technical Community College