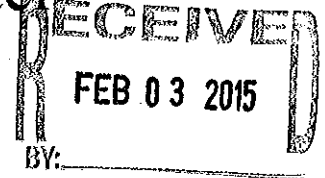


# Capital Area Technical Center



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Dear Members of the School Board,

I am writing to request permission for an overnight field trip so that students will be able to compete in the Skills USA State Championships. The competition will be held in Bangor and approximately forty Capital Area Technical Center students will compete.

"SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel." The "Mission: SkillsUSA empowers its members to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of America's skilled workforce through a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training. SkillsUSA enhances the lives and careers of students, instructors, and industry representatives as they strive to be champions at work."

The Skills USA State Championships will be held in Bangor on March 5 - 6. Students will be transported to Bangor on March 5 and will return to Augusta on March 6. Students competing in Bangor have already proven themselves by competing at CATC's local competition. Winners of the state competition qualify to compete in the national SkillsUSA competition that will be held in Louisville this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Kennedy and Val Arbour

SkillsUSA Advisors