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State Board Highlights the Work of J. Everett Light Career Center

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett and members of the State Board of Education today honored the staff and students of J. Everett Light Career Center for their work in the area of career and technical education (CTE). Discussion centered on the impact of the center's program to prepare students seeking a career in the field of early childhood education.

"As a former Career and Technical Education teacher, it excites me to recognize the great efforts underway at J. Everett Light." Bennett said. "Our goal is to ensure every child graduates college and career ready in the State of Indiana. Career and Technical Education plays a huge role in reaching this goal by ensuring every student's needs are met."

Through programs such as the Family Career and Community Leaders of America, the J. Everett Light Career Center has achieved success in increasing its high school graduation rate. Students are able to earn certifications that ensure they are ready to seek full-time employment upon program completion. Students also have the opportunity to earn dual credit programs through institutions such as Ivy Tech Community College.

"Our students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience that engages them in their learning," said Early Childhood Program Coordinator Bennie Silver. "Students often experience more success gaining employment by participating in our program than some traditional high school graduates and college students."

More information about the J. Everett Light Career Center can be found at <http://www.jelcc.com/>