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Dear Friends,

I join you all in spirit at this evening's Open House for the Region 14 Applied Technology Center. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the variety of programs at the Center and recognize the teachers and staff and students of the ATC who contribute so much to its success and excellent reputation in the region.

I have always believed a school should be more than a simple building with classrooms and desks. It should be a doorway to new opportunities for information and education, and it should provide guidance to its students as they find and develop their passions. At the Region 14 Applied Technology Center, you give students chances to explore a variety of subjects in ways that will encourage further study and interest. Your offerings in graphic design, woodworking, programming, engineering and so much more not only sharpen technical skills but also encourage development of important values like curiosity and self-confidence. This comprehensive education that goes beyond the walls of a traditional classroom can be the key to creating an exciting future for some students.

I wish you all the best as you continue your good work.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator