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LT. GOVERNOR TIMOTHY P. MURRAY SPEAKS AT KEEFE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

FRAMINGHAM, MA – Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray spoke about the importance of vocational and technical education during a Professional Development Seminar at Keefe Technical School on Wednesday, November 10.

Keefe Tech faculty, administrators, school board members, and representatives from the offices of local elected officials listened as Lt. Governor Murray shared an Op-Ed piece he had written discussing his views on vocational technical education.

“Students want to be at these schools where they are motivated to work hard and succeed,” Murray said. “These schools are dynamic places where students are engaged and inspired. Learning is applied, not theoretical, helping students see the relevance of their course and project work to their future success.”

Lt. Governor Murray also noted that experts urge educators to teach students 21st century skills and vocational education provides the foundation for that kind of learning.

“Beyond the basic academics, 21st century skills include the ability to work in teams, to thinking critically and solve problems, to use technology, and to be able to communicate effectively across many media,” said Lt. Governor Murray. “These skills are most effectively taught through project-based learning, with clear accountability standards and opportunities for students to hone their leadership and communication skills. That is the vocational model in Massachusetts,” he added.

“We are so pleased to have someone at the Lt. Governor’s level who sees the value of career and technical education and all of the great work we do on behalf of our students,” said Keefe Tech Superintendent-Director James Lynch.

“The success that takes place in vocational technical schools should not be forgotten,” said Lt. Governor Murray, adding that he is taking steps to ensure that vocational technical institutions and educators have access to resources that will meet their unique needs.

“Lt. Governor Murray seems to really understand the Massachusetts delivery of vocational technical education,” added Keefe Tech Principal Patricia Canali. “Our faculty and administrators were very grateful that he took the time to speak to us.”

Keefe Technical School, located in Framingham, MA, is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition to 13 different career technical programs, Keefe Tech offers a complete college preparatory program to students from the communities of Ashland, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, and Natick.

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Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray (center) with Keefe Technical School Principal Patricia Canali (left) and Superintendent-Director James Lynch (right). Lt. Gov. Murray spoke about the importance of vocational technical education at Keefe Technical School On Wednesday, December 10.

