Southeast Tech
American Technical Education Association (ATEA) Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:
To provide the School Board an overview of the American Technical Education Association Regional Conference.

Southeast Tech will be hosting the American Technical Education Association (ATEA) Region 5 Conference on October 8 – 9, 2015. The conference will focus on providing technical educators with resources to develop their technical and teaching skills and to network with other technical educators, vendors and industry representatives. The Region 5 Northern Plains ATEA include members from South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming.

ATEA goals include promoting high quality technical education, advocate the value of technical education to society, disseminate information regarding current issues and trends and exemplary practices in technical education and partner with educational institutions, business, industry, labor and government to enhance workforce development strategies.

Administrative Recommendation to School Board:
Acknowledge the American Technical Education Association Conference report.
American Technical Education Association

**Mission:** The American Technical Education Association (ATEA) is a leading association for the postsecondary technical educator with emphasis on professional development. The organization is dedicated to excellence in quality of postsecondary technical education focusing on practical teaching ideas and best practices. ATEA recognizes outstanding performance and leadership and provides a network for career connectivity.

**Goals:**

- Promote high quality technical education
- Advocate the value of technical education to society
- Disseminate information regarding current issues and trends and exemplary practices in technical education
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Key Points:
- Comprehensive Professional Development
- Career Advancement
- Provides Technical Educators with resources to develop their technical & teaching skills through conferences and publications

Region 5 Northern Plains Region Members
- South Dakota
- North Dakota
- Iowa
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- Montana
- Wyoming
American Technical Education Association

History:
- Founded in 1928
- National Headquarters:
  - Wahpeton, North Dakota
  - North Dakota State College of Science
  - 1973-2012
- In 2012 the National Office moved to Dunwoody College of Technology in Minneapolis

Members:
- Teach, serve or administer technical education at the postsecondary level
- Hire technically prepared employees
- Support or provide technical education pathways: secondary to postsecondary or postsecondary to university levels
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Region 5 Conference

Region 5 President:
   Dana Wolff Southeast Tech Business Faculty

Conference Dates:
   October 8 & 9, 2015

Impact on Academic Calendar:
   October 8 & 9 will be used as a portion of our Fall Inservice Days
   All faculty and lab specialists will attend
Conference Highlights:

October 8:
- Region 5 Council Meeting
- Preconference Session: Social Media
- Industry Tours

October 9:
- Keynote Address
- Breakout Session: Approximately 30 sessions will be offered
- Networking Sessions
- Roundtable Discussions
- Tradeshows
- Vendors
- Campus Tours:
  - Southeast Tech
  - CTE Academy