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Lt. Governor Cagle and Sen. Ed Harbison Celebrate \$3.1 Million Grant to Create Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy

ATLANTA, March 10, 2017 –Sen. Ed Harbison (D – Columbus) joined Lt. Governor Casey Cagle along with local school officials for a check presentation highlighting the \$3.1 million grant Chattahoochee County Board of Education received to create the Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy.

“A one-size-fits-all education model is no longer viable for our students in today’s modern, 21st-century economy,” said Lt. Governor Cagle. “Our outstanding network of College and Career Academies embrace the individuality of each student, helping to craft an education plan tailored to their goals and interests. This investment reaffirms our commitment to providing world-class educational opportunities all across our great state.”

“The creation of Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy reaffirms our district’s status as the premier destination for Georgia’s College and Career Academies,” said Sen. Harbison. “This investment shows our clear commitment to better equipping our children for our modern workforce and these innovative policies will continue to revolutionize the way our students receive their education.”

About Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy:

The mission of Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy is to prepare all graduates for the 21st-century workforce through relevant secondary and post-secondary career training. Classroom instructors will be comprised of Chattahoochee County High School CTAE teachers, Columbus Technical College, Columbus State University faculty and business/industry subject matter experts. Recruitment, employment and evaluation of these instructors will be shared between the Academy CEO, the College Presidents and their staff, the Career Academy Board of Directors, and the Chattahoochee County Board of Education. Chattahoochee Valley College and Career Academy will accept any student who wishes to enroll plus any high school student from a neighboring system and collaborate with neighboring Fort Benning on a number of educational initiatives.

About College and Career Academies:

College and Career Academies, an initiative of Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, partner local school systems with the state’s technical colleges, other post-secondary institutions, and local businesses, enabling the development of high school and college-level programs that train students for quality, in-demand jobs. Students find that the academies’ challenging, hands-on programs provide greater relevancy and value which not only lead to higher graduation rates, but also employment. The specified training for students is attractive to area businesses and communities prosper from the highly-trained and skilled workforce. Businesses have found that College and Career Academies partnerships provide them with a qualified and skilled workforce. Because of Cagle’s initiative, there are now 40 College and Career Academies in Georgia.



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