

# PIKE COUNTY R-III (Clopton) SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

December 5, 2011

### UPDATED PRESS RELEASE

Mark E. Harvey, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Pike-Lincoln Technical Center Fire – Friday Night December 2, 2011

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**Media contacts are directed to call 573-470-0160, if contact is necessary beyond the school day/hours.**

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On December 2 there was a fire in the original structure at Pike-Lincoln Technical Center (PLTC), a campus of the Pike County R-III (Clopton) School District in Eolia, Missouri. The damage was extensive and contained to the original structure. There was no one in the building at the time of the fire. The newer Diesel and Automotive Technology Building was undamaged.

Seven area schools send students to the Pike-Lincoln Technical Center. Pike County School Districts include: Bowling Green R-I, Louisiana R-II and Clopton. Lincoln County School Districts include: Silex R-I, Elsberry R-II, Troy R-III, and Winfield R-IV. Adult students from the surrounding counties take courses at PLTC during both day and evening classes.

The Pike County R-III (Clopton) School District is the fiscal agent of the Pike-Lincoln Technical Center. The Technical Center began as an outgrowth of the need for vocational training in Northeast Missouri in the late 1960's. PLTC is considered a showcase for technical training across the state and region. Former students have gone on to become leaders in their fields across multiple states and many foreign countries.

There has been an outpouring of support from area school districts, district patrons, and communities from all across the state of Missouri.

The District, Administration, and Board of Education would like to thank the local fire departments, those from the multiple counties that responded to the fire, and anyone who provided assistance during the initial hours of this crisis.

The recently closed Clopton Middle School will be the site for the Pike-Lincoln Technical Center. At this time all required space has been secured. No additional space is being considered. Evening GED/EMT classes, and students taking classes through Hannibal LaGrange University, are scheduled to return on Tuesday, December 6. High school students from area sending schools, and all other adult classes, will resume on Friday, December 9.

The monthly Admission's Workshop for persons interested in enrolling in daytime programs at Pike-Lincoln Technical Center will be held as scheduled on Thursday, December 8. Enrollment will be held in the Diesel and Automotive Technology Building located in Eolia from 1:00-3:00 pm. This is the first step and a requirement for adult students with a high school diploma or GED seeking admission to PLTC. This workshop is especially important for persons wishing to apply for the 2012-2013 Practical Nursing Program which begins in August 2012.

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Please direct any communications through the District Administrative Offices during regular school hours, Monday through Friday.

Individuals or groups wishing to donate items or supplies are asked to e-mail specifics and pictures to: [DAO@clopton.k12.mo.us](mailto:DAO@clopton.k12.mo.us)

The Pike County R-III (Clopton) School District would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and continued support of its students and those of Pike-Lincoln Technical Center.

