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Kansas Governor Sam Brownback awarded a check to USD No. 480 on Tuesday for more than \$20,000 for its success with Career Technical Education (CTE). The check was presented at Garden City Community College. Garden City and Hays were also presented with checks at the event.



Senate Bill 155, which was passed by the legislature this year and signed into law by the Governor, awards school districts \$1,000 for each high school graduate who graduates from that district with an industry recognized credential in a high-need occupation.

Seward County Community College was also there as they work closely with USD 480 when it comes to CTE.

Those in attendance from Liberal included USD 480 CTE Coordinator Mariah Cline, USD 480 Deputy Superintendent Renae Hickert, Vice-Chair of State School Board Sally Cauble, State Representative, Reid Petty, SCCC/ATS President Dr. Duane Dunn and SCCC/ATS Dean of CTE Dr. Janese Thatcher.

Representative Petty feels the CTE program in Liberal has been a big success.

"Mariah and Renae have done a great job in working with Dr. Dunn and SCCC/ATS at making sure that students in our area have a wide range of opportunities when it comes to Career Technical Education," Petty said. "It was great to see what they helped accomplish. I have no doubt they will continue to make CTE even better."