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## SHEETZ PARTNERS WITH GED TESTING SERVICE TO OFFER GEDWORKS $^{\mathsf{TM}}$

FREE PROGRAM HELPS EMPLOYEES EARN GED CREDENTIAL

WASHINGTON, DC — GED Testing Service has partnered with Sheetz, Inc. to launch the GEDWorks program at Sheetz corporate and store locations. GEDWorks is a comprehensive program that is free for Sheetz employees who want to earn their GED credential. Sheetz, a family-owned and operated convenience store chain, will offer the program to employees in its more than 550 locations across Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and North Carolina.

The GEDWorks program includes everything an employee needs to successfully prepare for and pass the GED test. Participants are given access to a personal advisor, online GED study materials, practice tests, connections to local adult education programs and free GED tests. Personal advisors are a key component to the GEDWorks program. Advisors act as coaches and motivators, as well as hold students accountable for earning their GED credential. The GEDWorks program also gives students access to online tools that assist with college and career planning.

The GEDWorks program is designed to meet the unique needs of working adults who aspire to earn their GED credential. The program creates a more skilled and better prepared workforce, while giving employers access to tools that engage current participants and encourage other employees to sign-up.

"At Sheetz, our employees are our most valuable asset and we are committed to providing them with access to a variety of educational resources," said Stephanie Doliveira, VP of Human Resources at Sheetz, Inc. "We are proud to partner with GEDWorks, which represents an important component of educational opportunities available to Sheetz employees."

Almost one in five working adults lacks a high school diploma. By participating in the GEDWorks program, employers like Sheetz recognize that foundational education, such as a high school equivalency diploma, is a critical stepping stone for their employees.

"We're excited to partner with Sheetz to offer the GEDWorks program," said Randy Trask,

President of GED Testing Service. "Sheetz is joining a growing list of national employers committed to making an investment in the education of their frontline employees and offering the financial support and flexibility needed to attain the GED credential."

More information about the GEDWorks program is available <u>here</u> and <u>this webpage</u> features success stories of GEDWorks graduates.

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## **About GED Testing Service**

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.

## About Sheetz, Inc.

Established in 1952 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Sheetz, Inc. is one of America's fastest growing family-owned and operated convenience store chains, with more than \$5.6 billion in revenue and more than 17,500 employees. The company operates more than 550 store locations throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio and North Carolina. Sheetz provides an award-winning menu of M•T•O® sandwiches and salads, which are ordered through unique touch-screen order point terminals. All Sheetz convenience stores are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Recognized by Fortune as one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, Top 12 Best Places to Work for Women and Top 35 Best Workplaces for Millennials, Sheetz is committed to offering employees sustainable careers built on an inspiring culture and community engagement. For more information, visit <a href="www.sheetz.com">www.sheetz.com</a> or follow us on Twitter (@sheetz), Facebook (<a href="www.facebook.com/sheetz">www.facebook.com/sheetz</a>) and Instagram (<a href="www.instagram.com/sheetz">www.instagram.com/sheetz</a>).