DuPage Work-Based Learning Collaborative

PRESENTATION TO DUPAGE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

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Vision

Every student in DuPage County will have access to a work-based learning model that accelerates their academic and experiential learning, opens opportunities for postsecondary success, provides multiple pathways to meaningful careers, and meets the needs of business communities.

Goal

Design, build and execute a regional K-12 school district driven work-based learning (WBL) model that includes

- Diversity, Access and Equity
- Multiple Industry Sector Pathways
- Curriculum, Certifications, and Credentials
- Targeted supports to Students, School Districts, and Employers
- Aligned to a Variety of Post-Secondary Opportunities
- Collaborative Partnerships and Plan for Sustainability
- Aligned to state WBL and Apprenticeship Goals

What makes this collaboration different?

- A **regional approach** builds efficiencies for schools and businesses

- Schools and businesses need **additional support** to make collaboration successful

- An **intermediary (GPSEd)** brings capacity, experience, and resources to bridge the gap between schools and businesses

- Regional partners and expertise provides for **sustainability**

Partners

- The DuPage County Regional Office of Education

- The College of DuPage and Project Hire-Ed

- GPS Education Partners

- WorkNetDuPage

- TMA - Technology & Manufacturing Association

Who is GPSEd?

GPS Education Partners is a nonprofit that has been delivering **work-based learning (WBL) solutions** that impact educational systems, talent pipeline needs, and help sustain communities for **two decades**.

GPSEd is a leading provider of work-based learning services

- **Intermediary Services** - manages relationships between education and business partners

- **Program Management –** provides and monitors metrics and tools needed to successfully comply and improve function of the pathway

Benefits to Business?

- **Strategic partnering** of school districts and students to areas of business needs

- **Student readiness** and interests paired with business **partner capacity**

- **Onboarding and training** provided by GPSEd

- **Student accountability**: assessment, evaluation, and reflection

- **Expanded talent pool** and opportunities to mentor the next generation of employees

- Aligns **high demand hiring** needs with college and career aspirations of students

Manufacturing Pilot 2020-21

- Pilot School Districts
  ◦ Lake Park High School District 108 (Roselle)
  ◦ DuPage High School District 88 (Addison/Willowbrook)

- Six Manufacturing Business Partners

- Eleven students (ages 17-18, grades 11 & 12)

- Aligned to apprenticeship Illinois standards

- Youth > Pre>Registered Apprenticeship Pathway

Student Profiles and Career Aspirations

Joe - Interested in combining work with **College of DuPage** and **Project Hire-Ed**

Nathan - Interested in a **mechanical engineering degree**. Business partner has already offered him a **college summer internship**

Ollie - **Undecided college major,** but is interested in **machining** and **summer work** opportunities while in college

Juan - **Ready to start his career.** Loves hands-on, work-based learning. **CNC savant!** Looking for an employer that will support additional training and education.

M & R Print - Camcraft Inc - Prince Industries

DuPage Work-Based Learning Collaborative 2.0

- Expand manufacturing WBL pathway to **additional school districts**

- **Grow business partnerships**

- **Develop additional career pathways**: cyber security, information technology, and/or health care

- **Seek potential funding sources** to seed our work to build a sustainable model throughout the county

Questions?

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