

A Career & Tech Ed Campus for McHenry County

*A collaboration between
McHenry County College
and
McHenry County High Schools*

Equipping McHenry County Citizens for Careers, College and Beyond

- *Providing a cost efficient way to prepare high school students and adults for the workplace, employment in McHenry County and higher education*

Who will it serve? *High School Students*



- Students on the verge of dropping out *84% because they can't pass Algebra I.*
- High school students who want a skill after graduation
- Students who plan on getting an Associates Degree
- Students who plan on going on to a four year college, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

STEM Information:

<https://discovery.box.com/s/4m50s7r056ft0grf005t>

Who will it serve? *Adult students*



- A broad array of career programs offered in the afternoons and evenings at the same facility
- Prepare adults for manufacturing, computer information systems, trades and many other fields



- Many programs will provide certificates such as manufacturing technology (CIM), medical and health careers (CNA)
- Increase employment options for higher wage careers

Who will it serve?

Local manufacturing and business



- Courses designed to align with the growing needs for trained workers in the county
- Adults with 21st century skills for the workforce: manufacturing technology, computer information systems, etc.
- Hospitals and Health Care facilities that need workers now and will need more in the future

Who will it serve?

McHenry County College



- College can expand programs for career training and STEM
- Increased enrollment due to high school students seeking dual credit
- Increased enrollment due to high school students seeking to continue after high school and earn an Associates Degree
- Increased adult enrollment due to broad array of courses, convenience and certificates offered
- Better use of current manufacturing, auto and culinary spaces



Who will a Career and Tech Ed Campus Serve?

A broad swath of McHenry County Citizens and Businesses

The Time is Ripe!

- High unemployment in McHenry County, 6.1%
- A better fit for high school students on the verge of dropping out
- High school graduates can not make a living wage
- Need for skilled workers in McHenry County

The time is ripe for McHenry County.

- Exorbitant cost of higher education/ burden of student loans
- Dual credit opportunities will save student college costs
- STEM to better prepare students for careers and college
- Expand enrollment in MCC



Next Steps:

➤ *Needs assessments of McHenry County High Schools, MCC & Local Business*

- Explore cost of creating a career and tech campus
 - Location possibilities
 - ❖ MCC Campus New Building (est. \$17 million)
 - ❖ Retrofit an existing building in C.L. area
 - ❖ Existing space on MCC Campus
- * needs to be in C.L. area since professors will come from MCC and C.L. is a central location*

Fundraising

- Private funding
- Grants
- Avoid asking taxpayers to fund

Questions and Discussion

