

Subject: Career opportunities

Principals and Counselors,

I want to take this opportunity to let you know about some recent conversations I have had about career opportunities for students.

I hope this helps as you are working with students on career counseling and scheduling for the future.

1. Our Precision Machining teacher, Scott Kaser, tells me that rarely does a week go by that he doesn't receive a call from an employer asking if he has a student(s) ready for the workforce, as they are in need of workers.

2. I have had discussions with Bob Freiburger from the Warsaw Carpenters Training Center. They are in desperate need of students wanting to go into the carpentry field as an apprentice.

3. I recently attended a dinner meeting for the Marshall County Builders Association. Their group has said they are in need of carpenters.

4. WorkOne, as well as the president of St. Joe Regional Medical Center, are telling me that they need workers in all areas of the health field.

Tim Corbett from WorkOne has told me that health care facilities in our area are hiring people, providing signing bonuses, and will also help an employee pay for their education. He told me that statistics show that not only is there a shortage now, there will be an additional 20% need for employees by the year 2022.

4. We have just begun a partnership with Wiers International for our students to work as interns in their commercial truck facility.

They are willing to take on our students as paid interns, and then will continue to train them as they work.

5. Just today, I spoke with Krystal Levi from WorkOne. She has informed me that the IBEW is in need of people. "St. Joe County has taken on some big contracts, and they need skilled labor".

She also informed me that "I am in desperate need of welders".

These are just some examples of conversations I have had with area industry leaders/employers in the past few weeks.

There are jobs out there.

Feel free to use this information with your students, and their parents, as they are scheduling for classes and considering their career options.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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