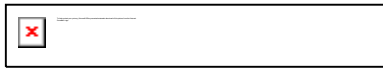


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Meeting Date:	08/27/24
Meeting:	Finance Committee
Name:	Hank Thiele
Organization:	Community High School District 99
Address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Work-Based Learning Consortium
Comment:	District 99 would like to express our appreciation for the ongoing support and innovative lens of the DuPage ROE and the involvement of GPSEd and Karen Sullivan in the Work-Based Learning Consortium. They have helped lead and develop resources to facilitate apprenticeships, internships, and career awareness opportunities for the Career Awareness portion of the County-Wide Institute Day, building awareness for CTE teachers and school counselors. Having this support in our County is definitely advancing opportunities for

students. We greatly appreciate the County's ongoing fiscal support for this program and strongly encourage continuing support in the coming year.

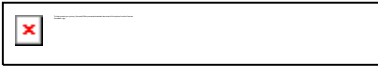
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Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: Finance Committee

Name: Sheryl Kemble

Organization: OSG USA, Inc.

Address:



Daytime Phone:



Subject: ROE - DuPage Work-Based Learning Consortium Program Funding

Comment:

As a business leader, collaborating with an intermediary and the Regional Office of Education's (ROE) Work-Based Learning program allows us to connect classrooms with careers, helping to identify and nurture future talent. This partnership is crucial for ensuring a skilled workforce for our business's growth and sustainability. Additionally, this outreach effort simplifies the process for schools to connect with businesses, enabling them to easily offer these valuable opportunities to their students. Moreover, by providing a centralized point of contact, we can efficiently engage with more schools,

attract a broader range of local students, and offer diverse student groups the chance to explore and pursue careers within our industry and the DuPage business community.

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Meeting:	Finance Committee
Name:	Jill Hlavacek
Organization:	Naperville Community Unit School District 203
Address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Work-Based Learning Network
Comment:	As a leader in Naperville School District 203, we are grateful for the regional approach to strengthening work-based learning opportunities for students and partnerships with local industry. We appreciate the work of the ROE, GPSEd and Karen Sullivan. We support having coordinated effort across the county to leverage collective strengths and helps elevate the importance of authentic learning opportunities. The efforts of the intermediary (GPSEd) help to coordinate schools and build employer networks has been appreciated. GPSEd has helped facilitate relationships between companies and schools to

promote apprenticeships, internships, and career awareness activities. The career awareness portion of County-Wide Institute Day for educators and school counselors has come because of this collaboration. In this work, there are never enough resources at the school level to scale and build programs of quality.

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Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: Finance Committee

Name: Jose Flores

Organization: Wynndalco Enterprises, LLC

Address:



Daytime Phone:



Subject: ROE - DuPage Work-Based Learning Consortium Program Funding

To Whom It May Concern:

Comment:

I wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to be able to write and share my companies experience with the Work-based Learning program that we have been part of the last two years, we've been able to mentor and guide 3 students, one of our first-year students, graduated, became a full-time employee and continue his schooling at a local college.

My personal thought about the program is that it provides significant benefit for all parties involved.

Some of the Benefits

- Students get to experience real world experience for the various industries that may be supporting the program. While earning money that can be used to cover various expenses of day-to-day life and even potentially used for higher education costs.
- Employers can assist and guide the next generation of the U.S. Workforce. Employers get employees that can be molded for the needs of the organization to assist with production requirements. Employers potentially have a candidate that can become a full-time employee.
- The schools the district and community can establish a mutually beneficial long-term relationship with the various corporations enabling future program support and other potential future collaborations.

As a graduate of a Vocational School, the real world work experience helps young people get a better idea of a trade or job, allowing them to use the experience gained in making and choosing a their future career path.

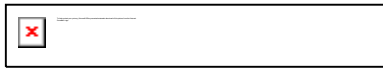
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Meeting:	Finance Committee
Name:	Craig Benes
Organization:	Itasca School District 10
Address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	DuPage ROE Fund Allocation
Comment:	On behalf of Itasca School District 10 I support the critical work of the DuPage Regional Office of Education. Their leadership directly impacts the quality of education for the community of Itasca and our students. I appreciate the coordination efforts via GPSEd as the intermediary between companies and schools to facilitate apprenticeships, internships, and career awareness opportunities or the Career Awareness portion of the County-Wide Institute Day, building awareness for CTE teachers and school counselors.

Craig Benes
Superintendent
Itasca School District 10

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Meeting:	Finance Committee
Name:	Brian Giovanini
Organization:	Indian Prairie School District
Address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Career Awareness

Comment: I am writing to express my support for continued financial backing of a regional approach to career awareness and work-based learning. One of the biggest challenges in providing career awareness for young students is maintaining strong relationships with local businesses, given the demands of other job responsibilities and frequent changes in personnel at local organizations. With the help of GPSED, we were able to triple enrollment in our internship course last year, and we look forward to continued growth in the future. Additionally,

offering career awareness in the local area provides invaluable opportunities for our students and is crucial across all grade levels (K-12).

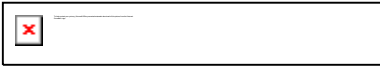
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Meeting: Finance Committee

Name: Kalyan Anandula

Organization: Code Ninjas Naperville

Address:



Daytime Phone:



Subject: ROE - DuPage Work-Based Learning Consortium Program Funding

Comment:

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Meeting: Finance Committee

Name: Nancy Johnson

Organization: Frain Industries, Inc.

Address: [REDACTED]

Daytime Phone: [REDACTED]

Subject: ROE - DuPage Work-Based Learning Consortium Program Funding

Comment: The DuPage County Apprenticeship Program is a great program because it is a win-win for both the employer and employee. The program allows both parties to have hope in the future because they each have a personal investment in the outcome of the program. The employer is investing his resources, and the apprentice is investing in himself. The best thing about this program is that it provides a realistic and financially rewarding career opportunity for those students who participate in the program. There are students out there that do not want to go to college, cannot afford to go to college, and are unsure about

college. Providing them with manufacturing exposure during their high school years gives those students options. Not only are they developing skills, but they are also seeing firsthand what a manufacturing job entails. This way they can rely on their own insight and not on those who lack the knowledge to encourage manufacturing as a rewarding career option. Students want to know what they do not know they need to know, and it is our job to provide venues to educate them and the DuPage County Apprenticeship Program does that for the manufacturing industry and their students!

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Meeting Date: 08/26/24

Meeting: Finance Committee

Name: Glenn Bu

Organization:

Address:

**Daytime
Phone:**

Subject:

Comment:

As a business leader, a former teacher, and a lifelong learner, I am very pleased to be involved with the DuPage Work Based Learning program. For our company, and I am sure for other companies in DuPage, there is a great need for future team members. We are a food-service equipment manufacturer. There are not a lot of high school students that know what type of positions and work is involved in the manufacturing industry. DuPage Work Based Learning program gives students the opportunity to explore a variety of positions that are available in this industry as well as other manufacturing companies in the community where the student lives. The difficulty is

matching the students' interests with a company's opportunities. That is where DuPage Work Based Learning program is so helpful – they match the two together. It is a win for the students, a win for the companies in the area, and a win for the community. Work Based Learning Program is an important and vital organization for our company and for other companies in DuPage.

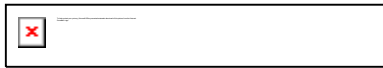
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Meeting:	Finance Committee
Name:	glenn Bullock
Organization:	Antunes
Address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	DuPage Work Based Learning Program
Comment:	<p>As a business leader, a former teacher, and a lifelong learner, I am very pleased to be involved with the DuPage Work Based Learning program. For our company, and I am sure for other companies in DuPage, there is a great need for future team members. We are a food-service equipment manufacturer. There are not a lot of high school students that know what type of positions and work is involved in the manufacturing industry. DuPage Work Based Learning program gives students the opportunity to explore a variety of positions that are available in this industry as well as other manufacturing</p>

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Meeting Date:	08/26/24
Meeting:	Finance Committee
Name:	Erin Strickland
Organization:	SWD Inc.
Address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	ROE - DuPage Work-Based Learning Consortium Program Funding
Comment:	<p>I am the Director of Human Resources at SWD Inc., a family-owned manufacturing company located in Addison, IL with just over 250 employees. We have partnered with an intermediary and the Regional Office of Education's Work-Based Learning program over the last few years to offer work-based learning opportunities for students in the Manufacturing Industry. Before the intermediary working with the ROE SWD had a long history of partnering with local school districts. In the past, we always faced challenges due to trying to manage multiple programs with individual school districts that</p>

did not have the bandwidth to support students and businesses in creating and supporting these types of programs.

Continued collaboration is essential to keep these programs running to serve our students and provide them with the unique opportunities that work-based learning offers. The manufacturing industry has struggled to find skilled workers due to students not graduating with the skills needed to be successful in the workplace. It is essential to provide students experiences necessary to be competitive in the workforce. The students going through these work-based learning programs have a leg up compared to their fellow students when they graduate.

While I write this on behalf of the company I work for I also have a personal stake in these programs continuing. I have two children who attend DuPage County schools. I want them to have the opportunities to explore more career fields and if they so choose, be able to participate in a work-based learning program. When I attended the SHRM conference in Chicago this year and discussed with my HR peers the Work Based Learning programs that I have been blessed to be a part of I heard many comments such as "Wow that's amazing"; and "How do you make something like that work."; or "I've tried to work with our local schools but I can never get in touch with the right person."

DuPage County has been doing something unique and ahead of many other Regional Education Programs. This needs to continue to keep DuPage County at the forefront of employment and economic growth.

That being said having one contact in place that allows businesses to coordinate with all students and schools in DuPage County allows the HR team to focus our time on enriching the lives of our employees including the students who come to work for us. It also allows us to be able to bring on more students as interns or apprentices which strengthens the local economy and gives students the skills needed long after they leave High School.

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Meeting:	Finance Committee
Name:	Kurt Sundberg
Organization:	Simplex System Controls, Inc.
Address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	ROE - DuPage Work-Based Learning Consortium Program Funding
Comment:	As a business leader: Partnering with an intermediary and the Regional Office of Education's (ROE) Work-Based Learning program allows us to identify and develop the next generation of talent by connecting classrooms to careers. This collaboration is essential for securing the skilled workforce we need to sustain and grow our business. Additionally, it streamlines our outreach efforts, enabling us to efficiently connect with more schools through a single point of contact, recruit and engage a larger pool of local students, and provide access to diverse student populations, giving them opportunities to

explore and experience careers of interest and setting them on the path to success in our industry and/or our DuPage business. At Simplex, we tried doing this directly with local high schools unsuccessfully. We couldn't find the time to make it happen and neither could the schools. The intermediary was the best and fastest way to make this happen.

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