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Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA - Career Pathways

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about how Brookings-Harbor High School is working towards enhancing and developing formal career pathways for students to follow that will help transition students into post-secondary educational programs.

Recently, voters approved Measure 98 where the funding is geared towards improving graduation rates, reducing dropout rates, combating chronic absenteeism, and enhancing career technical education programs. The funding was initially approved by voters at \$800 per high school student. The legislative assembly has approved funding for approximately 50% of what the voters approved, school districts will receive further details later this summer for budgeting purposes.

The significance of Measure 98 is multi-faceted. We all know that not every student is interested in pursuing a formal college education program. Many students are interested in tactically oriented professions that are “hands-on” oriented such as construction, welding, automotive, robotics, graphics design, etc... These professions have evolved over the years with new technology developments that have a strong academic component where core academic skills are essential for success.

Brookings Harbor High School is currently developing new careerpathways and reinforcing existing career pathways to help guide students into various professions ranging from traditional collegiate programs to career technical programs. The careerpathways that are in development are Health Care, Business Management, Manufacturing & Making, and Education. Partnerships are being formed with higher education institutions such as South Western Oregon Community College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Western Oregon University, and others. Careerpathways integrate existing programs such as welding, robotics, construction, graphics design, IT Essential and core academics to bring meaning to “why” and “how” these skills can be utilized.

There will be future updates as careerpathways are further developed. Remember that only together we can ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District