

**DATE OF BOARD MEETING:** 11/12/2025

**From:** Jim Connelly, Technology & Trade Center Principal

**To:** Dr. Kuzniewski, Superintendent

### **Programmatic Updates**

We continue refining the program list to ensure full alignment with ISBE pathway requirements and course sequences. The team has been working to determine preliminary schedules regarding how the daily schedule will function for TTC students while maintaining access to courses at their home campus.

#### *Key work in progress:*

- Developing sample scheduling models built around a two-hour instructional block.
- Exploring integration of Work-Based Learning (WBL) and TSI experiences within the TTC day.
- Collaborating with aviation, culinary, and health science specialists to confirm lab requirements and student certification opportunities.
- Beginning conceptual work to design a Transition Center within the TTC, which will support students with specialized learning needs through hands-on training, life skills, and industry exposure.

### **Partnership Development**

Partnership work continues to expand across both industry and education sectors.

#### *Recent highlights:*

- Establishing collaboration with Sheet Metal Workers Local 73 to support program design and potential apprenticeship pathways.
- Attending the HACIA (Hispanic American Construction Industry Association) November Membership Meeting
  - Wednesday, November 12 (5:30–8:30 p.m.). HACIA has provided strong CM contacts and supports certification, workforce development, and student placement.
- Continuing outreach to college and employer partners to strengthen dual credit and WBL pipelines.
- Onboarding district specialists and consultants to provide program-specific feedback on lab layouts and equipment.

### **Building Design and Construction Planning**

The design and planning process continues to move forward with steady collaboration among the district, architect, and interns.

#### **Key updates:**

- District architectural interns have been assisting with revisions to the building layout, reviewing floor plans, and validating space sizes against program needs.
- Ongoing refinement of the architectural contract, ensuring clarity of scope, deliverables, and risk language.
- Meetings held with multiple construction management firms, including Paschen, Core, Vision, and Mortenson, to gather comparative pricing and evaluate service models.
- Gathering pricing for Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) options that show substantial cost savings for the district.
- Confirming digital deliverable and BIM requirements to ensure the district retains editable model files for future operations and updates to the TTC.
- Delivered presentation to landbank regarding acquisition of property adjacent to Freshman Center.

### **The TTC in Pictures**



Architectural Intern Rendering



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Architectural Intern Schematic (Not final programming or positioning)