

Board Report

Month: January 2026

Administrator: Eric Stewart, Sarah Mansberger, Jeni Opel, Amanda Sutherland

Updates:

Reality Fairs: Reality Fair events are hands-on simulations giving participants a taste of real-world financial realities. Year to date, our team has met with 8 schools and 415 students

Student Quotes

“It showed me how to budget and be smart with my money.”

“It was entertaining, hands on, and felt like real life.”

Video: [Experience a Reality Fair in Action:](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICSbaikqBvY>

Career Connect Campus Principal Hiring: The principal position at the Career Connect Campus was posted in mid-December through January 18. We look forward to interviews in late January and early February for this hiring process.

New “Never Go Dark” Partnership: In partnership with the George Washington Carver Food Research Institute and Kalsec, Career Connect will be offering a two-week *Explore Ag STEAM Academy* from June 15-26. This two-week camp for 10th-12th graders will focus on food systems design and food equity. Career Connect will announce other new partnerships for “Never Go Dark” at the campus soon.

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ACEC Award: The Career Connect Campus has been notified that it has won an award from the American Council of Engineering Companies. Career Connect staff will join the project architects and engineering firm at a gala in March to be recognized.

Action Item: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments: N/A

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