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To: Shawn Petri, Superintendent

From: Natalie Davis, CTE Director

Date: April 4, 2024

Subject: CTE Department Update

CTE Construction Project:

The new transformer blew this week, so the electrician is looking for a new one. We originally had difficulty finding a transformer for the construction project, and would have had a 12-month wait for a brand-new one. We opted for a rebuilt transformer with a warranty, and then last fall the rebuilt transformer did not work. Dan with Nighthawk found a place in South Dakota that would repair it, which caused one of our delays last September. The transformer blew this week, and the electrician is trying to locate a different one. Again, there would be a 12-month wait for a brand new one so we are looking at a different one that would come with a 3-year warranty. If all goes well, we'll have a different transformer by the end of next week. Meanwhile, classes will be confined to classrooms for welding and automotive and we have no power to the new addition.

We are still waiting for our secure entry system for the front door, as well as the "boots" for the entry doors into the office and shop areas from the hallway.

Grants:

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers PRIME grant representatives met with Kyle Sisco, Josh Meyer, and myself before spring break. They will be sending both Kyle and Josh Meyer (our welding teacher) to several training opportunities for certification over the next few months and providing at least \$500,000 in equipment, software, curriculum, and support.

Outreach/Marketing:

We have been pursuing opportunities to represent CTE at the Chamber of Commerce events per the previous board discussion. Becky is arranging for the Grayling event on April 18th, and we missed West Branch as it is always during our spring break. The Roscommon event will be on May 15th.

There will be an EMC Information night at the public library in Grayling on April 9th (Connie Meyer will be organizing this event and she is the mother of our welding instructor).

We will be hosting the Northern Michigan group of CEPD directors here at ATIC on April 19th.

Other:

I am helping with the CTE Showcase at the Capitol on April 25th due to a health issue with my colleague previously taking care of it. West Branch will be representing COOR with Kyle Sisco's machining program this year, along with 28 other programs from throughout the state.