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Success, Achievement, Together ... for All Students

## **CTEC Phase 2 Expansion**

### **Mid-Willamette Regional Career Technical Education Center**

The Salem-Keizer CTEC program is the leading Career & Technical Education Center serving the students of the Salem-Keizer School District. The current 150,000 square foot facility houses 10 program tracks, serves over 1,000 students in the Salem-Keizer School District, and has leveraged over \$9 million in private investment (matched with \$8 million in public investment).

**The CTEC program is now on track to expand into a Phase 2** – the Mid-Willamette Regional CTEC – which will serve all students in Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties. Mid-Willamette CTEC is a public-private partnership with Willamette Education Service District (WESD), representing 21 school districts, and serving over 84,000 students. Mountain West Investment (MWIC) has partnered with WESD to secure a facility and provide access to high wage, high demand career and technical education (CTE) programs.

MWIC is in the process of purchasing the vacant Toys R Us facility (47,000 sq. ft.) located on Lancaster Dr. in Northeast Salem. This CTEC facility would house 6 regional programs and serve up to 500 students.

District superintendents and school boards have been engaged in this process and have pledged support and financial resources for this tremendous opportunity to provide access to state-of-the-art programs for students in the region. This project will prepare students for high paying jobs in the local and regional workforce, and access to further education and training in high wage and high demand career pathways. Local and regional economies will benefit greatly from having access to high skilled workers, and businesses will be attracted to investing in the region as a result. This will be a major source for high skilled workers for current and future employers.

All 6 programs of study in the following areas will be implemented during the 2021-22 school year.

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Automotive/ Diesel
- Health Care/Health Services
- Computer Science/Information Technology
- Aviation

Programs were identified based on local, regional, and state labor market information and employment needs and projections. Programs are designed to provide:

- Access: location, schedule and model will afford access to school districts in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

- Enhance CTE opportunities for students: programs will enhance and complement existing CTE programs in districts.
- Maintain Student Identity: participating students will retain their school identity in their home district.
- Program Design: involves innovation, direct input from industry partners, and access to industry certifications.

Anticipated project costs are estimated up to \$10 Million and include:

- Facility -- up to 47,000 SF – in process of purchasing
- Facility renovation and modifications
- Program design and development
- Program equipment and supplies
- Operating capital

MWIC and WESD districts have committed to funding nearly \$5 million of the project – including the purchase of the facility and operating capital.

We are seeking matching funds for facility renovation and program equipment. These funds will be required to complete the project and open the Center by fall 2021.