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To: McCall Donnelly School District Board of Trustees

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McCall Donnelly School District Policy #2100 Curriculum Development and Assessment states “The Board is responsible for curriculum adoption and must approve all significant changes, including the adoption of new textbooks, new courses, and new remote learning programs; before such changes are made.”

We request your approval for a new course offering at both McCall-Donnelly and Heartland High Schools: the **McCall-Donnelly Community Apprenticeship Program (MDCAP)**. This program is designed to provide high school students with structured, work-based learning opportunities aligned with local industry needs. Students enrolled in the program will participate in on-the-job training with vetted community partners while also completing a Career Pathways class that fulfills academic requirements, including the senior project.

Program Highlights:

- Industry-aligned curriculum integrating technical instruction and work-based mentorship
- Career pathways in Health Sciences, Automotive, Culinary Arts, Emergency Services, Hospitality, Forestry, Construction, Early Childhood Education, and more
- Dual credit opportunities through Lewis-Clark State College and the College of Western Idaho
- Supervised student placements with established local employers under formal agreements
- Use of Advanced Opportunities funding where applicable

The course structure meets standards established by the U.S. Department of Labor, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, and the National Association for State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium. The program not only prepares students for immediate employment in high-demand industries but also supports pathways to postsecondary education.

We believe this innovative approach to education and workforce development will benefit our students, our schools, and the greater McCall-Donnelly community. Upon your approval, we will finalize course registration and begin implementing the program for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for considering this request.