

Board Report

Month: February 2026

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Updates:

Career Connect Open House – Career Connect hosted the annual Open House on Tuesday, February 11, showcasing opportunities in all three secondary programs (Career and Technical Education, Early/Middle College, and Education for the Arts), work-based learning, career coaching and more. For the first time, Open House took place at the Career Connect Campus, drawing the largest-ever attendance in the event's history of nearly 1,500 interested young people, families, community members, industry partners, and educational and community leaders. Prior to the event, Career Connect Advisors were celebrated at an appreciation event thanking them for their contributions to career learning in Kalamazoo County. Multi-lingual families were welcomed with extra care and attention at this year's Open House with dedicated meeting space and targeted supports for understanding the educational opportunities available to learners in Kalamazoo County. The team from across Career Connect did an outstanding job of engaging prospective students and their families in this important recruitment event.

Career Connect Summer Programs - The Career Connect Campus will be buzzing this summer with lots of activity.

- MyCITY Summer Internship Program, CareerNOW and 2Gen will utilize the CCC to house programming this year, serving hundreds of youth and young adults.
- The inaugural Career Summer Camp for rising 7th and 8th graders will take place June 15-18. Thirty participants will explore a pathway of their choice from a list including culinary arts, health sciences, and design/mechatronics.
- The campus will also be hosting the George Washington Carver STEAM camp in collaboration with Kalsec (24 students) from June 15-26.

Action Item: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments: N/A

