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Media Release

Hillsboro School District earns Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant

District's \$385,188 grant will create a Manufacturing Training and Learning Center at Century High School

January 12, 2016, Hillsboro, OR – Hillsboro School District is the proud recipient of a \$385,188 CTE (Career and Technical Education) Revitalization Grant from the Oregon Department of Education, which will be used to establish a premier manufacturing and design center at Century High School.

The manufacturing program at Century is led by teacher Tim Morley, and he will oversee its expansion under this grant. Currently, the program has eleven state-of-the-art machines—from 3-D printers to vinyl cutters to CNC milling machines—and that will grow to forty-seven as a result of the grant money. Along with equipment will come a part-time Manufacturing Center Assistant to help expand access to thousands of additional students and staff members.

The program's expansion will also allow for students at the elementary and middle school levels to gain exposure to the equipment and enhance their knowledge about what manufacturing and design careers look like and entail.

Significant partnerships were a cornerstone of the grant application. Specifically, Work Systems Inc. (WSI) will collaborate with the District to arrange access to the center for alternative education students in the Hillsboro, Beaverton, and Tigard-Tualatin School Districts where they will gain valuable vocational skills. In addition, WSI will provide paid internships to 15 students in the summer of 2016, and another 40 unpaid internships throughout the 2016-17 school year. Industry partners will provide 17-20 internships over the course of the 2016-17 school year as well. Portland Community College will award up to 10 credits for Machining 290, 291 and 292, as well as Engineering 100 for coursework students successfully complete at Century. And higher education partners will conduct teacher training workshops for interested teachers.

"It has been amazing and rewarding to see how engaged students become in their learning when they are using actual industry equipment and learning real-world skills," notes Morley. "I am excited to expand our manufacturing and design center and provide that opportunity to many more students in our district and beyond."

Coordinator of College and Career Pathways, Brooke Nova, continues: "Our CTE Revitalization grant is a unique opportunity for multiple audiences to gain hands-on experience in a collaborative setting using industry-standard equipment, while earning dual credit and career-related learning experience sponsored by our community partners."

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The CTE Revitalization Grant program was established in 2011 as a way to strengthen existing CTE programs of study and create new ones in an effort to meet workforce needs, support students' achievement of the Oregon diploma, and address the needs of historically underserved students. In July 2015, Governor Kate Brown authorized ODE to expend \$9 million for the continuation of the program when she signed House Bills 3072 and 5016. Hillsboro School District was one of [142 Oregon middle schools and high schools to receive a CTE Revitalization Grant for 2016-17](#).

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