Reverse Job Fair Connects Graduating Seniors and Local Employers

A partnership between Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency, Eaton Regional Education Service Agency, Ingham Intermediate School District and regional businesses hosted the second annual Reverse Job Fair on Thursday, March 21, at Eagle Eye Golf Club. The Reverse Job Fair connects graduating high school seniors who are completing career and technical education programs in construction, healthcare, information technology and manufacturing with local employers who are looking to hire talent. Students and employers may be seeking summer, part-time or full-time positions.

At a typical job fair, employers set up booths and those seeking employment visit the employer booths and discuss opportunities. In a Reverse Job Fair, the students are at a booth and the employers that are interested in their skills, training and experience approach them. Employers were sent the students qualifications ahead of time so they could review and determine who they wanted to meet on the day of the event.

The morning session featured students in construction and manufacturing related programs such as precision machining, welding, computer-sided design (CAD) and engineering. The afternoon session featured students from healthcare programs such as medical assisting, patient care technicians and sports medicine as well as information technology related programs such as programming, computer safety and cybersecurity.

“This was a good opportunity for me to see what jobs are available in the area and what employers are looking for,” noted Brendan Pulver, a senior from the Medical Assistant program at the Wilson Talent Center. “I appreciated the opportunity to present myself to employers and share the certifications and experiences I have received,” Pulver also noted.

Ingham Intermediate School District supports twelve local school districts and ten public school academies in its service area which reaches into seven counties in the mid-Michigan area. The local school districts include: Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. For more information about Ingham Intermediate School District programs or services, go to www.inghamisd.org.

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