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Adopt a School Model

Machining Manufacturing Alliance

Academic Pathways Committee

A model was suggested during our Academic Pathways Committee meeting in June that is similar to a recruiting model used by the Niagara Frontier Auto Dealer's Association. This model proposes that a manufacturing company "adopt" a high school as a means to communicate the growing need for a young workforce. In this model, a company would concentrate its efforts with just one school or school district. One person within the company is given primary responsibility for this project. This representative would contact the school's principal or guidance office and indicate their interest in adopting their school. Examples of the activities planned for the school year might include:

- Company representative visiting the tech classes and presenting about manufacturing careers
- Company representative meeting with the guidance staff to talk about the local workforce needs
- Arranging for student or teacher tours through their facility
- Submitting articles to the district newsletters that are mailed to students' homes.
- Working with student newspapers to have articles written about manufacturing careers
- Summer job or internship for interested students
- Scholarships for interested students to pursue machining or manufacturing in college
- Providing professional development opportunities for teachers