



# CTE CENTER NEWS

Williston Basin School District #7

## \$10 MIL GRANT AWARDED

In March, Williston Basin School District #7 was awarded a \$10 million grant from the North Dakota Career and Technical Education Capital Projects Fund to use for their new CTE Center. In order to be eligible for this grant, the project required a dollar-for-dollar local match, which WBSD7 was able to do thanks to generous community partners.

## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS:

### Monetary and Other Donations:

- Williams County \$5,000,000
- Tractor & Equipment \$50,000
- L&K Electric Equipment totaling \$50,000
- Oasis Petroleum \$25,000
- Interstate Engineering \$2,500 and \$5,000 in kind donations
- Rob & Deb Kemp \$5,000

### Letters of Support:

- City of Williston
- CHI
- MDU Resources Group, Inc.
- Petroleum Experience
- Sanford Health

## WBSD#7 CTE CENTER BEGINS PLANNING

As we begin planning the WBSD#7 CTE Career and Technical Education, we want the community to know that we will be working hard to enhance and provide opportunities for Williston students and surrounding area students in CTE. Partnerships with Industry, Williston State College, Train ND, other CTE Centers including Watford City CTE Center,

New Town CTE Center, and the Greater Northwest Education Cooperative will be developed and fostered to serve schools and students in the northwest area. Please look forward to continued communication on this project as we move forward.

Lori Olson, WBSD#7 Interim Superintendent

# ARCHITECT SELECTION

WBSD7 is happy to announce they have selected EAPC as the architect firm for the CTE Center. EAPC were the architects behind Missouri Ridge School, which was

named as one of the best as far as school safety and emergency design was concerned according to Don Moseman with the North Dakota Safety Council.



## NEXT STEPS

- Kick-off meeting week of June 20th
- Design Development Sept-Nov 2022
- Construction Begin April-May 2023
- Building expected to open August 2024

# WHS CAREER FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

In April, WHS held a job fair for their students.

- 683 students attended
- 58 companies/employers had booths at the job fair
- 277 students worked on their resumes
- According to a student survey, 55% of students said they found a job that they would want to apply for.

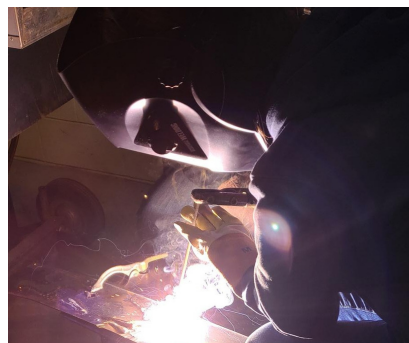
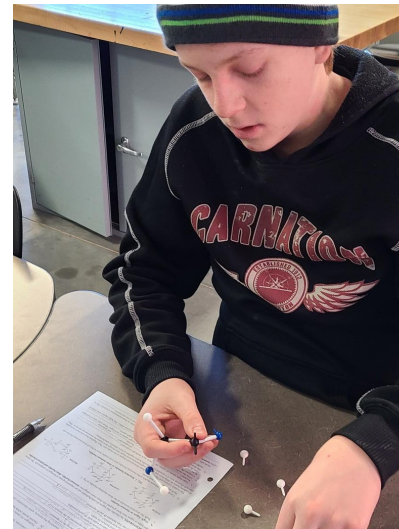


IWe had lots of great conversations with employers, I just want to share a few stories:

- FCI Constructors, Inc. has attended our job fair every year and attends community and college job fairs frequently. The FCI guys commented that this is the best job fair they've been to and that our high school students interact with employers/vendors better than many college students, that our students were engaged and professional!
- The McDonald's manager said she handed out 100 applications and one of the daycares printed 25 applications and needed more after the first 45 minutes!
- The City of Williston filled 4 positions by 12:00 on Friday - roads and general maintenance jobs!
- Cherry Creek Media is interested in interviewing 7 students for a news stringer job!
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# CTE IN ACTION



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Check out our CTE Center page of our website to see up-to-date progress, photos, and more.  
<https://www.willistonschools.org/page/cte-center>