

FEBRUARY PILOT COMPANY NEWSLETTER



LIZZIE QUAETHM, ENGINEERING APPRENTICE AT BFA



COMING UP IN SDOW

February 15: Board of Education Meeting

February 17: No School for Students

February 20: No School for Students & Staff

March Lunch and Learn- Generation Gaps

YOU'RE INVITED...

Join us March 14 for our first Pilot Company Lunch and Learn experience. This event will focus on understanding Generational Gaps to better relate to the incoming workforce.

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KEPHART COMMUNICATIONS

School District of Washington

Superintendent Dr. Jennifer

Kephart gives updates on happenings around the District and visits with students and staff.

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HOW DO WE DETERMINE PLACEMENT FOR YOUR APPRENTICES?

Nick Straatmann: I want every stakeholder involved with my program to have an outstanding experience. As a result, I sit down with my “year three” students and ask about their individual interests and which field(s) of engineering intrigue them. I also set up annual tours of our business partners’ facilities so that the students can see first-hand what each work environment looks like. Since I also stay in close contact with our business partners through bi-annual advisory meetings, I am able to get a good sense of what our business partners need, and thus, which students will thrive and reach their maximum potential in each environment. This helps me steer each student toward an environment in which both the apprentice and the business partner get positive outcomes. One of the most pleasant pieces of feedback I have received about this process came from a local engineering company that tracks the training time required to make their new employees profitable. They told me that the average time to make an employee profitable for the company is two years, but for students who have come through my program as an apprentice, that time is six months.

MEET YOUR CONNECT WASHINGTON LIAISON: ANNIE WIELAND

Looking for information on how to make an impact as a Pilot Company for Connect Washington? Our Connect Washington Liaison, Annie Wieland, will get you "connected". Annie serves as the College and Career Readiness Coordinator at Four Rivers Career Center. If you have questions about your involvement, or have questions, please reach out to Annie at andrea.wieland@sdownmo.org.



PODCAST: FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Mr John McColloch, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, shares more about the financial stability & transparency of the District along with recent building projects.

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PODCAST: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Four Rivers CAPS students sit down with the City of Washington's Community & Economic Development Director.

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