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RE: Davenport Satellite Skill Center

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

I am writing you today to share my excitement about **two new program offerings** starting this fall (2017-2018) at Davenport High School for incoming Juniors and Seniors. Last spring we held a brief informational meeting with students and shared our vision of possibly starting a Satellite Skill Center here in Davenport where we could offer Construction Technology/Trades and a Pre-Nursing (CNA) program. At the time we had about twenty students show interest in taking the Construction Technology program, and around twenty-six students who were interested in Pre-Nursing. Based off of our initial feedback from the students we decided to push forward and try to make this vision a reality. With the support of the Davenport School Board, Spokane Newtech Skill Center administration, Wilbur School Board, and the dedicated team at Lincoln Hospital backing the project I am happy to report that our vision is almost a reality for our area students.

We have arrived at the point where we now need to enroll students into these programs to ensure their success. Skill Center courses are different than the traditional 45/50 minute class periods. Here are some key differences:

- Students who sign up for these programs will attend every day for 2.5 hours, taking the place of two or three DHS periods (afternoon or morning).
- Students may earn junior and senior year credits equivalent and taking the place of CTE, math, and/or science (depending on the program).
- Instead of taking traditional DHS classes in a traditional format, the Skill Center programs allow students to apply real world skills to complete math, science, and career technical education credits.
- Students will meet all of the technical skill competencies for a standard CNA program in order to take the exam to become an official Certified Nursing Assistant at the end of the program.
- Construction Trades students will be able to apply technical knowledge and skills while earning OSHA 10 certification.

Enclosed you will also find more detailed information regarding the Construction Trades Program and the CNA Program.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in registering for one of the programs or if you just have questions. I am available this summer to answer any questions you may have. Best way to reach me is on my cell phone at 509-280-0329, or by email [cprewitt@davenportisd.org](mailto:cprewitt@davenportisd.org). I look forward to hearing from you!

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