

CTEC West - Sheridan School District

Project Description:

The Sheridan School District has the opportunity to purchase a blighted vacant manufacturing facility across the street from Sheridan High School and transform it into a state of the art career and technology education (CTE) facility. The CTE project will focus on economic and community revitalization and benefit a rural region of the West Willamette Valley.

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs provide students with unique learning opportunities and authentic assignments directly connected to their chosen career path. Furthermore, CTE programs graduate students at high rates, nearly 20% higher than non-CTE students.

The success of CTE is driven by:

- Interconnected career pathways
- Industry specific certification available to students
- State of the art equipment
- Integrated curriculum that is authentic work, tied directly to job site skills
- Instructors hired from industry

Proposed career pathways for CTEC West, driven by regional and economic employment data include but are not limited to:

- Ag Business
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Residential Construction

CTEC West will provide regional students with the competitive edge for high-wage and high demand jobs upon graduation. By partnering with area industries and integrating academics with career technical education, students will develop their knowledge and skills. Career pathways, informed by industry, will increase workforce development, supporting economic and community revitalization throughout the Sheridan region.

Capital Improvements to include but not limited to:

The capital project includes electrical, plumbing, HVAC and reconfiguration of the space to accommodate the programs and ADA requirements. We will add restrooms, improve the office

space, technology, and add a security system. Additionally, walls will need to be constructed with appropriate electrical and plumbing. Exterior improvements include multiple outdoor classrooms, an outdoor covered area, bus drop off and pick up, paving the parking lot, installing electronic and irrigation systems and installing property signage. A space for Chemeketa Community College is also part of the project and its location (indoor or outdoor) will be determined in the future.

The property will also need to meet all fire and safety codes required for public education facilities. We will comply with all Yamhill County permit and code requirements, such as environmental, sanitation, mechanical and plumbing.

Project Schedule:

The funding from the state lottery, along with a rigorous capital campaign, will allow Sheridan School District the ability to purchase the property at 540 SE Jefferson Street, develop industry partners and leverage program development funds. Following the purchase, we will remodel each area of the building specifically tailored to the CTE career path, working with our industry partners for the construction design. During the 2021-22 school year we will develop career pathways with the purchase equipment, hire staff from industry, and recruit students. CTEC West will open September 2022.

CTEC West Advisory Council:

Sheridan School District will engage our city, county and industry leaders in this project, knowing that successful implementation will spark economic growth for a community hard hit by Covid-19. This work will be guided by an advisory council comprised of industry leaders, elective officials, employment and economic strategists and students. The advisory council will work to grow and sustain the already enthusiastic support for this project in the Sheridan community, and will emphasize listening to student voices for input on CTEC West.