

Southeast Tech
Sector Breakfast Update
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

Provide the School Board an analysis of Southeast Tech's recent Health Sector Breakfast: Engaging under-represented populations.

Southeast Tech hosted a Health Sector Breakfast on October 24, 2019 with over 120 in attendance. The emphasis of the discussion was, but not limited to, engaging under represented populations. Dr. Dave Kapaska, Interim President of the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, moderated the event with Jill Franken - Sioux Falls Public Health Director, Diana VanderWoude – Sanford Health Senior Executive Director Learning and Development, and David Flicek – President Avera McKennan Hospital as panelists.

Healthcare in Sioux Falls continues to provide significant opportunities for persons at all levels of higher education. Currently, over 30% of the high school graduates do not matriculate onto any higher education. Engaging these persons in a meaningful manner is a workforce opportunity. Conversely, accessibility to higher education is a growing major concern. Meeting the challenges of significant student debt, ELL services, mentoring, counseling, etc. continue to be a concern. Behavior Health and addiction recovery is becoming a bigger issue. Build Dakota continues to be a well-supported initiative.

Recommendations from the event included: Enhancement of the ELL and first-generation services at Southeast Tech for all students, continued growth of opportunities for high school students interested in health care that can lead to employment or pre-matriculation credit, potential degree opportunities in behavior health and continued growth in scholarship and grant opportunities to assist students with significant financial need.

Upcoming Southeast Tech Sector Breakfasts include:

- Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Management November 14, 2019
- Legislative – December 2019
- Manufacturing – Winter 2020
- Insurance – Winter/Spring 2020

Administrative Recommendation to School Board: To acknowledge the Sector Breakfast Update Report.