

Southeast Tech
Campus Update Report
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

To provide the School Board with a Campus Update report.

President Griggs provided the School Board with a Campus Update.

- On Tuesday, August 20th, Southeast Tech officially announced the launch of our LPN program in Huron. The State Tech Board approved Southeast's additional location request at its Board meeting in July. The Huron Regional Medical Center (HRMC) and HRMC Foundation hosted a community celebration at the Huron Community Campus to promote the launch of the program that is scheduled to start in January 2020. <https://www.ksfy.com/content/news/LPN-courses-to-start-in-Huron-in-Januray-557563231.html>
- Based upon regional workforce demand, Southeast Tech began offering a Medical Assisting (diploma) program and three new Construction certificates (General, Commercial, Residential) this fall. The new programs are doing well with enrollment and still adding students during our drop/add period.
- Just in time for the new academic year, Southeast Tech has launched a new app for your smartphone. The app, which is available on Apple and Android devices, features news, events and a campus directory, as well as financial aid, housing, program, and application information. Students and employees will be able to access STInet through the app to view courses and assignments. Push notifications will also be available for billing deadlines, add/drop dates, and more. The app is also helpful for the general public. The new application has a feature that works with Google maps that allows campus visitors and new students to pinpoint the exact campus building they want to visit and get turn-by-turn navigation directions. To download the app, visit the Apple App Store or Google Play
- Senator John Thune's office has asked if Southeast Tech would be willing to host an FCC field hearing in September. FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr will be in Sioux Falls with Senator Thune to conduct the hearing. The hearing will focus and highlight innovations in a variety of sectors in rural America that have been spurred by reliable broadband connectivity. The field hearing is tentatively set for Thursday, September 5 at 1:30 pm. Both Senator Thune and Commissioner Carr have submitted letters of support encouraging Southeast Tech to start a new Telecommunications Tower Technician certificate to support expansion of 5G infrastructure in the region.

Administrative Recommendation to School Board:
Acknowledge the Campus Update Report.