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Paulding County Schools Awarded Grant for College and Career Academy

(Dallas, GA) – The Paulding County School District is excited to announce it is the recipient of a \$3+ million grant for the Paulding College and Career Academy.

The mission of the Paulding College and Career Academy (PCCA) is to engage our community to inspire greatness in our students and prepare them for the future needs of our workforce. Students who attend PCCA will have the opportunity to participate in Dual Enrollment through several post-secondary partners and gain career knowledge through Work-Based Learning/Apprenticeship programs with business and industry. This will prepare Paulding County students for education and career opportunities immediate after graduation.

“This will be an excellent opportunity for the students of Paulding County,” said Dr. Brian Otott, superintendent of the Paulding County School District. “We are thankful for the amazing partners that made up the Steering Committee that put the time and energy into this grant application. We believe the Paulding College and Career Academy will help us achieve our vision of preparing all students for success today and tomorrow.”

The Paulding College and Career Academy will have the following Career Pathways: Healthcare, Energy, Advanced Manufacturing/Industrial Maintenance, and Cybersecurity. Each of these has been identified as high need employment areas for Paulding County and the State of Georgia.

The Paulding College and Career Academy will serve students in grades 9-12. Enrollment is voluntary and open to any student who resides in the Paulding County School System. District students maintain enrollment at their “base” schools (one of our five partnering high schools: East Paulding, Hiram, North Paulding, Paulding County and South Paulding) while enrolled in PCCA programs.

The \$3+ million will be used to renovate labs and classrooms, and update technology at the New Hope Learning Center to turn it into a 21st century learning environment conducive to applied learning and career-related experiences.

The Paulding College and Career Academy is expected to open in the Fall of 2019. More information will be released over the next year regarding applications and enrollment.

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