The School Hub promotes Career & Technical Education programming for Special Education and Regular Education by providing an authentic and collaborative work-based learning experience within the school building. This gives students the ability to transition to gainful employment with support as needed and removes the barrier of transportation for them. This student-based enterprise develops skills in entrepreneurship, finance and accounting, customer service, sales and marketing, safety, and work-readiness.

The following classes are participating in the School Hub planning and implementation:

- Career Creations (SpEd)
- PAES/Career Lab (SpEd)
- Entrepreneurship
- Sales & Marketing
- Accounting/Advanced Accounting
- Work Experience (RegEd and SpEd)
- Career Internship

Business Partners:
- Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest (Company Store/Entrepreneurship partner)
- MAPS Food Service

The School Hub is comprised of:
- Coffee Shop
- School Store
- Genius Bar / IT Solutions

Students will have the ability to earn certifications in:
- ServSafe
- Food Handler
- Level 1 IT Technician

Future CTE Connections can include:
- CTSOs such as DECA, HOSA, FFA, and VEX (e.g. fundraising).
- FACS culinary arts

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We would be VERY interested in applying for future funding to realize the full concept of our plan. While our grant award was very large, we have learned that it wasn’t large enough to do a full implementation at both of our high schools. The cost of building construction and equipment was double our request. In our learning process, we have gained some valuable lessons that we can share with other school districts about contracts, partnerships, sustainability, communication, planning, systems, and quality as related to a project of this scale.

Thank you to the committee for believing in our project!! We are eager to get this running to be able to share CTE student success stories!