**Email for school professionals to send to their local employers:**

I want to let you know about an initiative driven by the [North Dakota Department of Career & Technical Education](https://www.cte.nd.gov/) (NDCTE) related to connecting high school students and employers through work-based learning experiences.

NDCTE provides [RUReady.ND.gov](https://secure.ruready.nd.gov/), a web-based career exploration and planning platform, to all schools in ND. NDCTE recently partnered with [Golden Path Solutions](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.goldenpath.net%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjuhersch%40nd.gov%7C1854fed2bd654c08dd3908da7ad4f6b7%7C2dea0464da514a88bae2b3db94bc0c54%7C0%7C0%7C637957354019388042%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YF0XkxDhARVHVa71hwX2lF50aCcyyDewwHOTSWSXeWQ%3D&reserved=0), a ND company, and [XAP](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.xap.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjuhersch%40nd.gov%7C1854fed2bd654c08dd3908da7ad4f6b7%7C2dea0464da514a88bae2b3db94bc0c54%7C0%7C0%7C637957354019388042%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nTqszhStwvQBUALV%2F36CfOzk%2Bli%2BlxKrsstzOWofp7w%3D&reserved=0), the company that provides RUReady.ND.gov, to add a work-based learning module to RUReady.ND.gov. This new module will provide employers the opportunity to create company profiles sharing information on work-based learning opportunities they are willing to provide to students, (i.e., job shadows, summer jobs, career fairs, cooperative work experiences, internships, etc.). This will be shared directly with high school students either in a specific school or across multiple schools, allowing students to indicate their interest and even apply for opportunities.

In addition to Work-based Learning, there are ways for you to share information about your longer-term careers with students & potentially even secure future workforce through tuition reimbursements and work agreements.

Review the attached overviews to learn more about what actions you as an employer can take now as well as how work-based learning can help develop your workforce.  We invite you to view a recorded webinar to learn how to use this system and the options available to you, (link [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cZvRnvA789E0wpqyYklYPA3wagGBTRus/view?usp=sharing)). Also, learn more about the integration in this [press release](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgoldenpath.net%2Fgps_xap_partnership%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjuhersch%40nd.gov%7C1854fed2bd654c08dd3908da7ad4f6b7%7C2dea0464da514a88bae2b3db94bc0c54%7C0%7C0%7C637957354019388042%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0tAUW%2B%2FBxLJNhSlCV0RXW7CGbmN77IcS8Dc%2FC8igsZA%3D&reserved=0), or watch a recording of [this webinar](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1RZfOWbuIG3uS8B6t-gvr8iAbfJPJ_yqj%2Fview&data=05%7C01%7Cjuhersch%40nd.gov%7C1854fed2bd654c08dd3908da7ad4f6b7%7C2dea0464da514a88bae2b3db94bc0c54%7C0%7C0%7C637957354019388042%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=raN85KEfZ%2BWbmm511tx6SmQteK1cVzHwDqNPYhoKBGE%3D&reserved=0) with Wayde Sick from NDCTE and former ND Department of Commerce Commissioner James Leiman.

You can also bookmark this URL where you can create your employer login: <https://compass.goldenpath.net/signup/newemployer>.

For more information reach out to me, Julie Hersch with NDCTE at juhersch@nd.gov or Patrick Mineer with Golden Path at patrick@goldenpath.net.  We’re excited to support this initiative so that organizations like yours can connect with students and help everyone prepare for the future!