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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pathways to Postsecondary Education Summit

Re-examining the transition from high school to postsecondary

ROSEVILLE – Do we need to fundamentally change how we look at high schools in Minnesota so that students are career and college ready? The Pathways to Postsecondary Education summit at North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park will bring together local high school leaders, postsecondary educators and businesses to discuss re-examining the transition from high school to postsecondary.

Tuesday's summit—one of a series happening across Minnesota in December—is sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). Media are invited to attend the opening session of the all-day summit at 8:30 a.m., and to hear Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius give brief remarks to the group at 3:45 p.m.

WHAT: Pathways to Postsecondary Education Summit

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, 8:30 a.m./3:45 p.m. (Commissioner Cassellius)

WHO: Local education leaders, MDE and MnSCU representatives, Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius

WHERE: North Hennepin Community College, Center for Business and Technology, 7411 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

By the year 2020, 74 percent of all jobs in the state will require some form of postsecondary education. Half of these jobs will require a bachelor's degree or beyond, and half will require a certificate, diploma or associate's degree. The workforce needs of the future will require that the transition from high school to postsecondary becomes seamless.

The summit will provide local education and business leaders with an overview of newly-enacted legislation related to college and career readiness, and create an opportunity to explore new or expanded partnerships between K-12 and higher education that will better prepare young people for the high-wage, high-growth, high-tech positions of the future.

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