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A high-quality education system that prepares all students for college, career, and life.

Title:	<u>School visit</u>
As Related To:	 Goal One: Develop and support policies to close the achievement and opportunity gaps. ✓ Goal Two: Develop comprehensive accountability, recognition, and supports for students, schools, and districts. ✓ Goal Three: Ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet career and college ready standards. ✓ Goal Four: Provide effective oversight of the K-12 system. ✓ Other
Relevant To Board Roles:	 □ Policy Leadership □ System Oversight □ Advocacy □ Communication □ Convening and Facilitating
Policy Considerations / Key Questions:	None
Possible Board Action:	Review Adopt Approve Other
Materials Included in Packet:	
Synopsis:	We will meet at the Tri-Tech Skills Center Café at 8:00 am on Thursday for continental breakfast prepared by the culinary arts students at the Center. After breakfast, we will tour the facility for an hour and return to the Café for a half-hour question and answer period with Paul Randall, director of the center. Tri-Tech Skills Center 5929 W Metaline Ave Kennewick, WA 99336 (509) 222-7300

Tri-Tech Skills Center in Kennewick

The following is an excerpt from the Skills Center website:

Tri-Tech Skills Center (TTSC) is one of 11 Skills Centers in Washington State. Skills Centers are dedicated to offering high quality tuition free technical and professional training for high school aged students.

TTSC operates as a cooperative school of seven local school districts. Member districts are; Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, Finley, Columbia Burbank, Kiona-Benton and North Franklin. Tri-Tech also serves students from the Prosser School District, on-line schools and home school students. Tri-Tech serves as a branch campus of all area high schools providing programs that would normally not be offered in a comprehensive high school due to high operative and equipment costs or not enough student enrollment at the school.

TTSC is designed to help students get a head start on their career goals by providing focused training in specific professions. Programs are designed in three period blocks allowing the extended time to not only learn the theory of a subject but to also get real hands-on experience. The programs are also personalized. Instructor to student ratios is low, allowing the Skills Center staff the time to get to know each student and address their unique learning styles.

The following are programs available at Tri-Tech Skills Center:

- Auto Body Technology
- Auto Systems Technology
- Computer Science / Cyber Security
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel Technology
- Digipen
- Digital Video and TV Production

- Early Childhood Education
- Fire Fighting
- Graphic Communication
- Health Informatics
- Law Enforcement
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Veterinary Technician
- Radio Broadcasting and Production
- Teen Parenting
- Welding Technology

