

Mike Cargill, Science Teacher at Stafford High School, Proponent WEBEX HB2631

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Subject: Proponent & Supporter for HB2631 with the Short Title "Career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act; providing State aid to school districts for students obtaining a credential; establishing the career technical education credential and transition incentive fund."

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Please allow me to introduce myself; my name is Mike Cargill and I've been teaching Health Science at Stafford High School for the past 9 years. I've been asked to testify as a proponent of HB 2631, specifically addressing the implementation of the healthcare pathway into the curriculum of Stafford High School, benefits of the program to the local community and how the Stafford Education Foundation provides support for students in their pursuit of industry certifications.

Implementing into the Curriculum:

Stafford High School offers several Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways, one being Health Science. As seen in the *Kansas 41 Highest Demand 2021 Jobs*, the job documented as number 1 is Registered Nurse. However, there is a high demand for direct patient care as well as all areas of medical science. The goal of the Health Science pathway at Stafford High School is to develop an incubator environment that encourages and develops students along careers associated with the healthcare industry and to provide the academic support for post-secondary success as certifications or continued education in healthcare. To date, Stafford High School has experienced significant success in developing Certified Nurse Assistant, Phlebotomists, Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses.

Benefit to the Community:

Stafford High School has been successful in assisting several students that have completed the requirements to become a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA). Over the years, fifteen of Stafford High School students have been employed at local healthcare facilities (three are currently employed). Five of our students have been employed by Stafford County Hospital, our local facility, as Phlebotomists and Medical Lab Technicians.

Financial Support Provided by the Stafford Educational Foundation:

In order to assist students in achieving industry certification, the Stafford Educational Foundation offers grants to Stafford High School students who are enrolled in post-

secondary certification programs. Grants are based on a rubric that includes financial need, past academic work, community service hours, and school participation.

Final Comment

As a proponent of HB2631 I would like to encourage the House to pass this bill. One of the issues facing the State of Kansas, particularly in the western part of the State, is the development of a qualified workforce. With the cooperation of the Department of Economic Development and Department of Education this is an opportunity to grow our workforce from within.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to stand for questions.