

MEETING OF: January 16, 2018

TITLE:	Tucson Metro Chamber Intern-to-Career Program
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# PURPOSE:

To present information on the Tucson Metro Chamber's Intern-to-Career (12C) Program.

## **DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Tucson Metro Chamber convened a roundtable to get a sense of the issues facing local businesses. Finding skilled workers was the top issue. After additional research the Chamber determined that schools weren't aware of the business community's talent needs and businesses weren't aware of what was being taught in area high schools.

As a result of this research, the Intern-to-Career (I2C) program was born. The goal of this program is to find paid summer internships for high school juniors interested in trade or technical fields into positions that give them on-the-job training in a Career and Technical Education program.

The program launched in 2016. The initial vocational category was Automotive Technology. Students from the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) were placed in six-week paid summer internships with local auto repair businesses. Sixty-three percent of those students were offered part-time jobs during their senior year. The remaining students were direct hires, meaning they had full-time careers waiting for them after graduation.

The program now includes the following sectors:

Automotive Technologies Construction Technologies Culinary Arts Engineering Sciences Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Services

The Tucson Metro Chamber has established formal relationships with local schools and school districts who are investors in the Chamber and we are working together to provide internships for the students. It is our goal to re-establish a working relationship between the Tucson Metro Chamber and TUSD and include TUSD in the Intern to Career program.

Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, TUSD Superintendent, and Susan Manfredi from the Tucson Metro Chamber will be available to respond to questions.

## **BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable) Budget Certification (for use by Office of **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:** Financial Services only): **District Budget** Date **State/Federal Funds** I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are Other available and may be: Authorized from current year budget **Budget Code** Budget Cost Authorized with School Board approval Code: Fund: **INITIATOR(S)**: Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, Superintendent 1-10-18 Name Title Date DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE: **ATTACHMENTS:** Click to download No Attachments Available

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