



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Irene E. Parisi, Chief Academic Officer *I.E.P.*

DATE: October 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Manufacturing Pathway Visit Opportunity

The CSDE in partnership with Phoenix Manufacturing are offering onsite tours of their state of the art facility to superintendents. Learn firsthand how a manufacturing pathway in your district could be enhanced or developed to provide college career and life ready opportunities for students interested in this field. Understand the necessary future-ready skills that are required to operate the manufacturing machinery and technology fields.

Date: Thursday October 29, 2020

Tour Times:

1. 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
2. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
3. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If interested, please send an email to Leslie Navarrete at Leslie.Navarrete@ct.gov with the names of the participants, district, and preferred tour time by **Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at noon**.

More about Phoenix:

Phoenix Manufacturing, Inc. is a women-owned, privately held precision machined components manufacturer located in Enfield, CT. Founded in 1989 as a two-person machine operation in a 2,000-square-foot facility, Phoenix has grown to become one of the leading suppliers of component parts for the aerospace industry. The Phoenix team is now made up of 80 experienced employees working in a 114,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility in Enfield. Phoenix Manufacturing, Inc. has long played an active role in promoting manufacturing and in the workforce pipeline in Connecticut. Phoenix maintains close relationships with state and local workforce development engines from the comprehensive and technical high schools, to the community colleges, to workforce development and business organizations. Students from Cheney Technical High School have become pre-apprentices and then full time employees. Moreover, many graduates of the Advanced Machining Program at Asnuntuck and Manchester Community College have landed in production, quality, and leadership roles.

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cc: Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Commissioner of Education
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