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Macomb County manufacturers celebrate MFG Day to highlight industry careers for students

More than 2,000 students from high schools across Macomb County are participating in Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) today. Fifty-six local manufacturers will welcome groups and host tours to highlight modern manufacturing and the well-paying and interesting jobs offered by the industry.

This is the fourth year the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development, in partnership with the Macomb Intermediate School District, has organized a countywide MFG Day event. Macomb's celebration is believed to be one of the largest coordinated efforts in the nation.

"MFG Day provides an important opportunity for the next generation of our workforce to see the industry in action and learn about these meaningful career possibilities," said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel.

Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. is scheduled to be part of the county's celebration. King will tour Proper Group International in Warren with students from Lake Shore Public Schools and participate in a roundtable discussion facilitated by Joe Petrosky, dean of engineering and advanced technology for Macomb Community College (MCC). Proper Group International was the selected site due to the company's impressive apprenticeship program with MCC.

MFG Day is a national campaign designed to introduce students to a viable career path and to connect manufacturers with the next generation of workforce. To learn more about Macomb County's event, visit MacombBusiness.com/MFGday or ManufactureMyFuture.com.

Sponsors are helping to cover direct expenses including bus transportation, program materials and T-shirts for students and include Dominion Technologies Group, Fisher Dynamics, Fori Automation, Futuramic Tool & Engineering Company, L&L Products, Proper Group International, PTI Engineered Plastics and Wico Metal Products. Other sponsors include Advancing Macomb, AIM Computer Solutions, Baker Industries, Brose, General Motors Warren Transmission Operations, LumaSmart, Michigan Works! Young Professionals, Paslin, RCO Engineering and Sequoia Tool.

As a follow-up to MFG Day, students of all ages throughout the region are invited to attend a career expo focused on manufacturing and technology from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20 at MCC's Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, 48088. This free event will feature

information about apprenticeship programs, internships and in-demand job skills as well as provide the opportunity to meet local businesses and recent graduates who have found good careers. Free concessions and an opportunity to win a tabletop 3D printer will be included. To register, visit Macomb.edu/MFGevening.

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