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As President of Apache Stainless Equipment Corporation, I strongly support efforts that are being made in the area of College and Career Readiness.

As an employer, Apache Stainless Equipment works closely with Beaver Dam High School and Moraine Park Technical College. We directly support the following programs:

- Welding Boot Camp
- Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Middle College

In Dodge County we work closely with other manufacturers and schools to participate in the Manufacturers Business Alliance, where Apache Stainless HR Manager, Pam Korth, is the chairperson of the committee.

Personally I am involved with the following groups in an effort to have a positive impact on College and Career Readiness:

- **WMC:** Future Wisconsin Project, Talent Development Committee (2014-present)
- **Mad-REP:** Business Education Collaborative (2014-present)
- **Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce:** Advocacy Committee Chairman (2015-present)
- **Chief Council of State School Officers' (CCSSO):** Career Readiness Initiative - WI representative for the private sector (2015-present)
- **Wisconsin Center for Manufacturing and Productivity (WCMP):** Board of Directors (October 2015-present)

For a local community, state, or nation to thrive economically, there must be an available workforce that is properly trained and educated. With 1/3 of our workforce in the 50+ age range, there is a great sense of urgency to address this issue. For that reason, Apache Stainless Equipment Corporation and our leadership are doing what we can to have an impact.

Sincerely,
Ed Paradowski, President
Apache Stainless Equipment Corporation