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The Blackstone Valley Hub (BV Hub) is proud to serve as your school's Connecting Activities (CA) representative. We are excited to build on last year's experiences with a continued commitment to prepare high school students for meaningful vocations and postsecondary success through career immersion learning opportunities for career readiness, as part of the statewide CA initiative. Our shared goal is to provide all high school students with access to high-quality, real-world learning aligned with labor market demands and workforce needs.

Through the Connecting Activities Grant this year, we want to support your school with the following:

- **Expand career immersion learning opportunities** that promote career readiness and skill development.
- **Increase the number of students participating in work-based learning (WBL) experiences**, such as internships, job shadows, YouthWorks employment and career exploration events, in addition to increasing **MyCAP implementation** for all students, when applicable.
- **Strengthen partnerships with employers and industry leaders** to ensure all students have access to authentic career development opportunities, prioritizing **high wage, high demand fields** identified as growth areas that will provide family sustaining wages in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Support the efforts of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Executive Office of Education and the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to **improve equity and access to career development education opportunities for underserved student populations**.

Your school's voice is essential in shaping programming that reflects your students' needs and priorities. Whether through a job fair like *Senior Scoop*, immersion in a particular career pathway, or a focus on specific industries, we invite you to share what matters most to your students and educators in the 2025-2026 school year.

To make these goals a success, we want to hear from you. If you have not already, please take a few minutes to complete the School Priorities Survey:



We look forward to partnering closely with your school to create meaningful, impactful career development experiences for every student. Please reach out to schedule a 1-1 district meeting with our Schools team.

Sincerely,

The BV Hub Team

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