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WEST-MEC EXPANDS STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Glendale, Ariz. (April 15, 2021) Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC)--a public career technical education district--is excited to announce its expanded Student Success program to further support instruction and student engagement.

West-MEC's commitment to student success has led to the expansion of the Student Services offerings that support teachers and learners in the classroom. Benefits of the expanded program include a newly hired Exceptional Student Services Teacher Liaison. This role provides multiple areas of support to the district. Instructors receive aid in creating differentiated instruction methods for all students, building lesson plans, and developing checks for understanding in all modalities.

West-MEC students attend their home high school for their core curricular classes, then travel to their West-MEC campus to attend their chosen [Career Training Program](#). The Student Success program aims to increase connections and collaboration between the home high school staff and the learners. "One way we are making this happen is by meeting with incoming students regarding setting them up for success in their West-MEC program. These "Bridging Meetings" help learners better understand expectations. We've already seen increased attendance rates and program completion due to our efforts." notes Shelly Thome, Exceptional Student Services Manager.

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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