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Project ReConnect

Fixing Devices. Building Futures

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Built Through Unprecedented Collaboration

Project ReConnect:

Information Technology Services

Division of Special Education

Perez CTC

Pilot Location

Perez CTC (Career Transition Center)



The Catalyst

The amazing potential of our students



The Goal

Create career pathways for our students to become "creators and innovators"

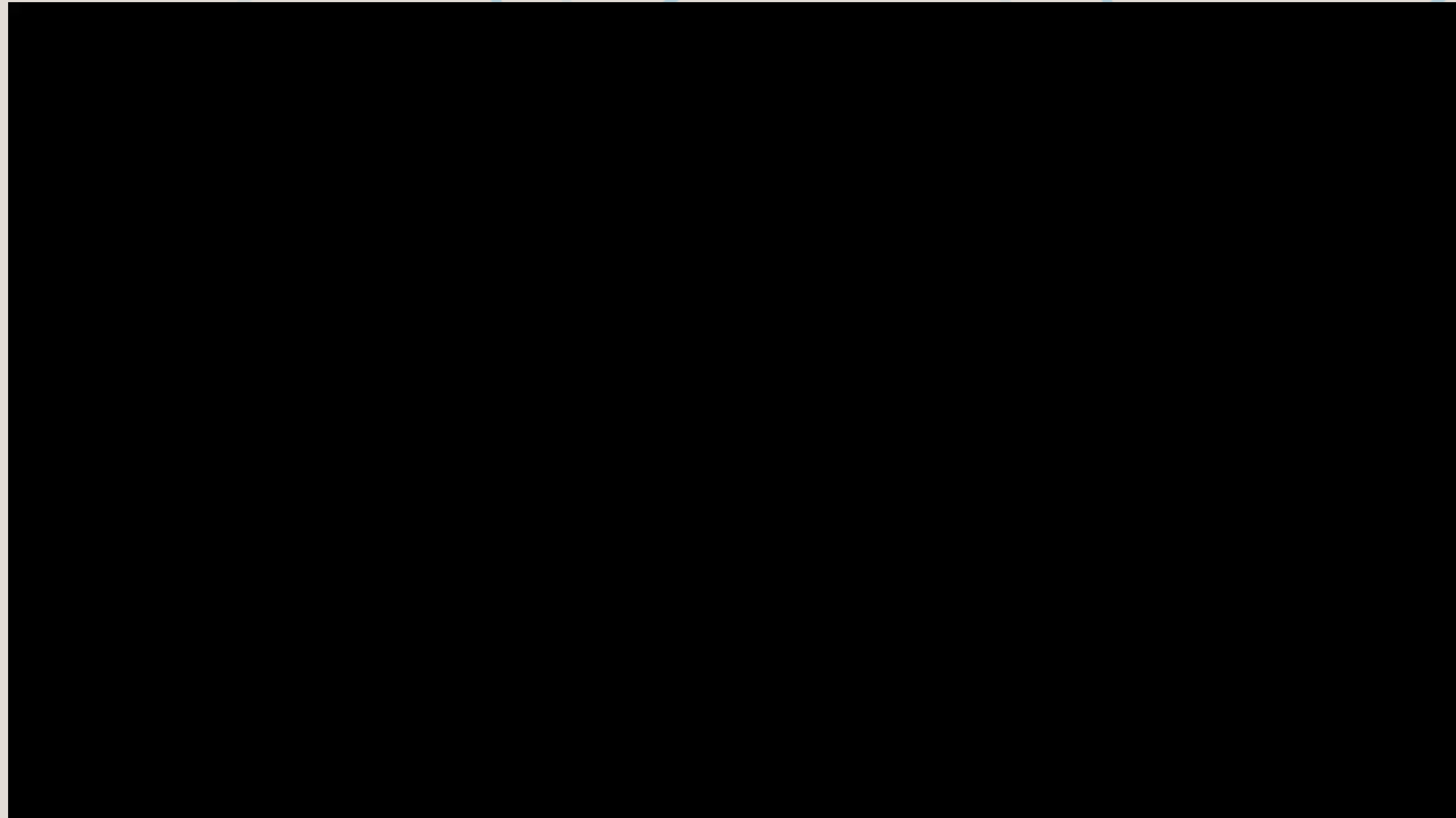


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Cross-Department Collaboration

- **Perez CTC** identifies interested interns through the strand selection process and provides access to an engaging learning environment.
- **Information Technology Services (ITS)** team provides classroom equipment, tools, devices in need of repair, and direct support from on-site ITS team member.
- **Division of Special Education** Modified Core Instructional team develops curriculum, instructional pacing plan, and supplemental instructional materials tailored to device repair learning goals and objectives.
- **Division of Adult and Career Education** will offer classes to project ReConnect Students to prepare them for the workforce.

Project ReConnect Video



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An Ecosystem of Shared Value



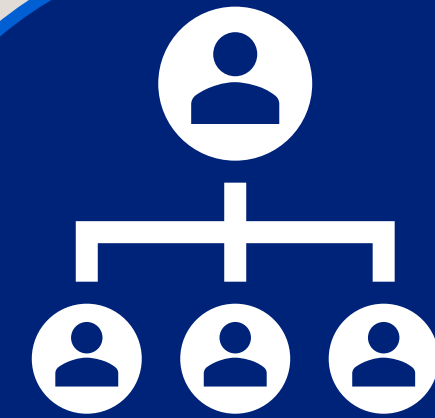
Students

Transition from passive users to creators, innovators, and certified technicians with agency.



Teachers

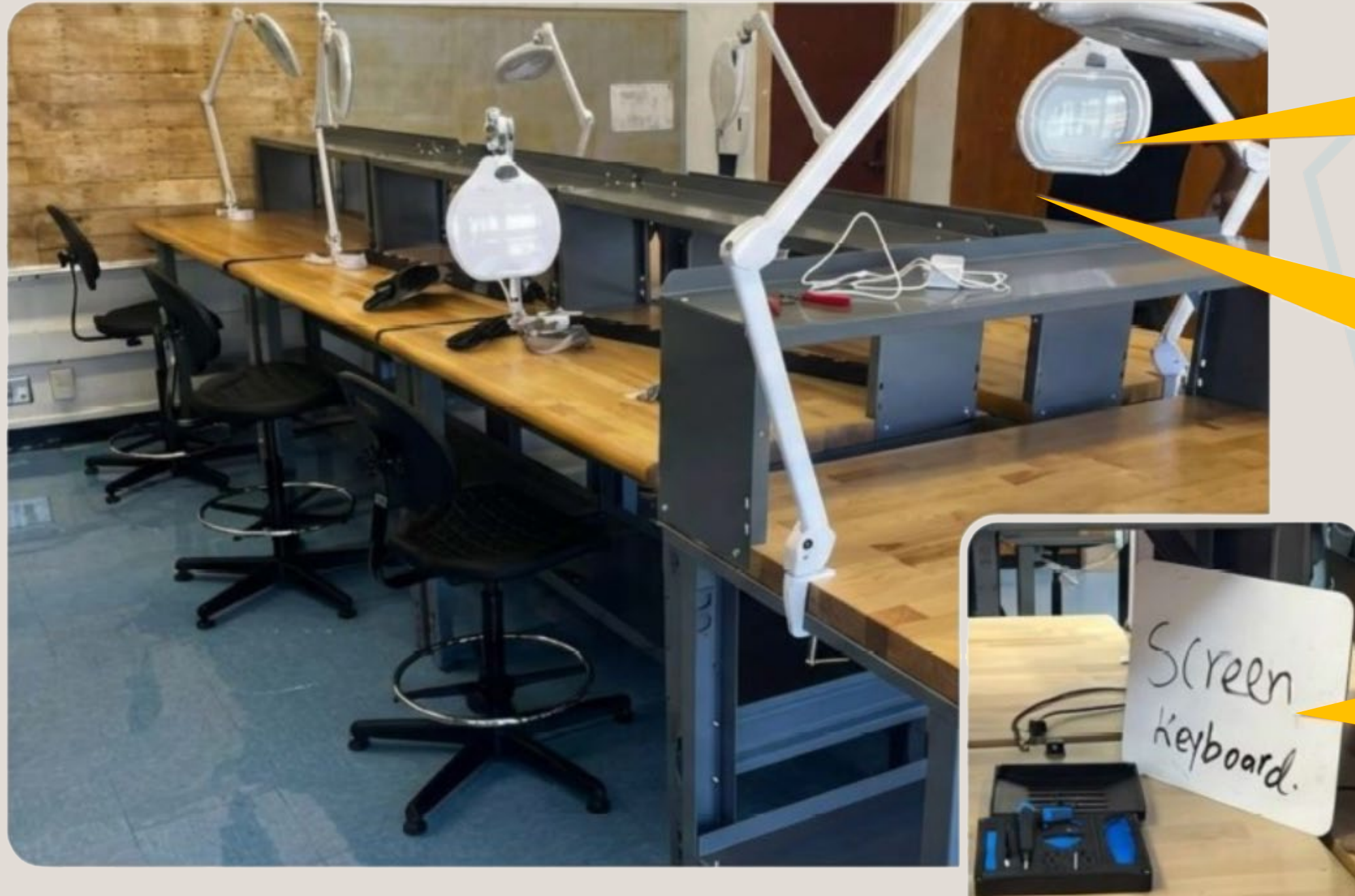
Access to instructional design that bridges applied CS standards with real-world, hands-on learning.



**Administrators
& Partners**

Scalable system support that hits financial and sustainability goals.

Inside the ReConnect Lab



15 UDL-Aligned Workstations: Built to accommodate diverse physical and cognitive needs.

Professional-Grade Environment: Outfitted with desk lamps, magnifying glass mounts, and power strips designed to match professional repair center workstations.

Differentiated Instruction: Differentiated instruction tailored to student's unique skills.

Students at the Center of the Operation



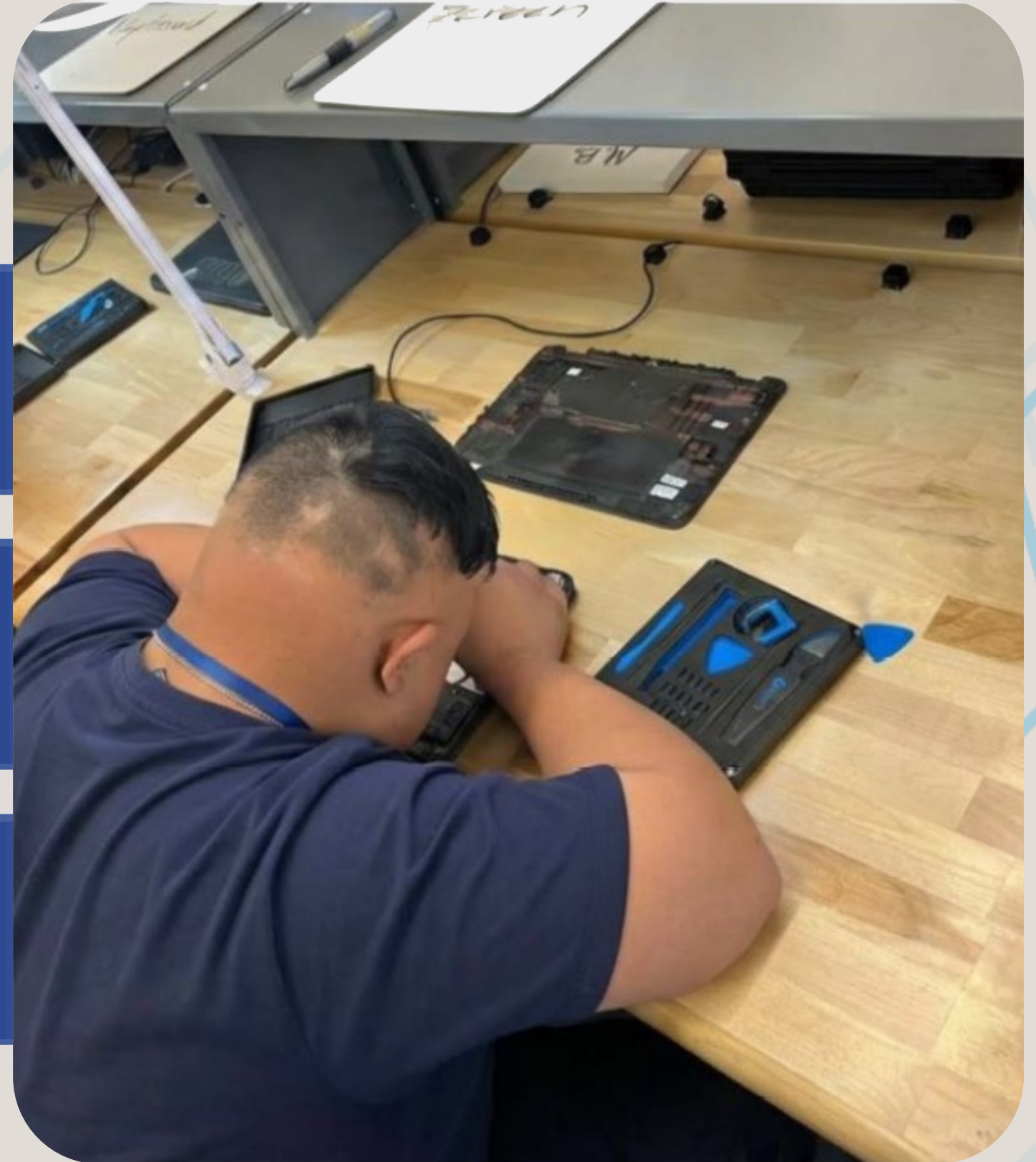
Hardware Repair:
Learning how to repair devices.



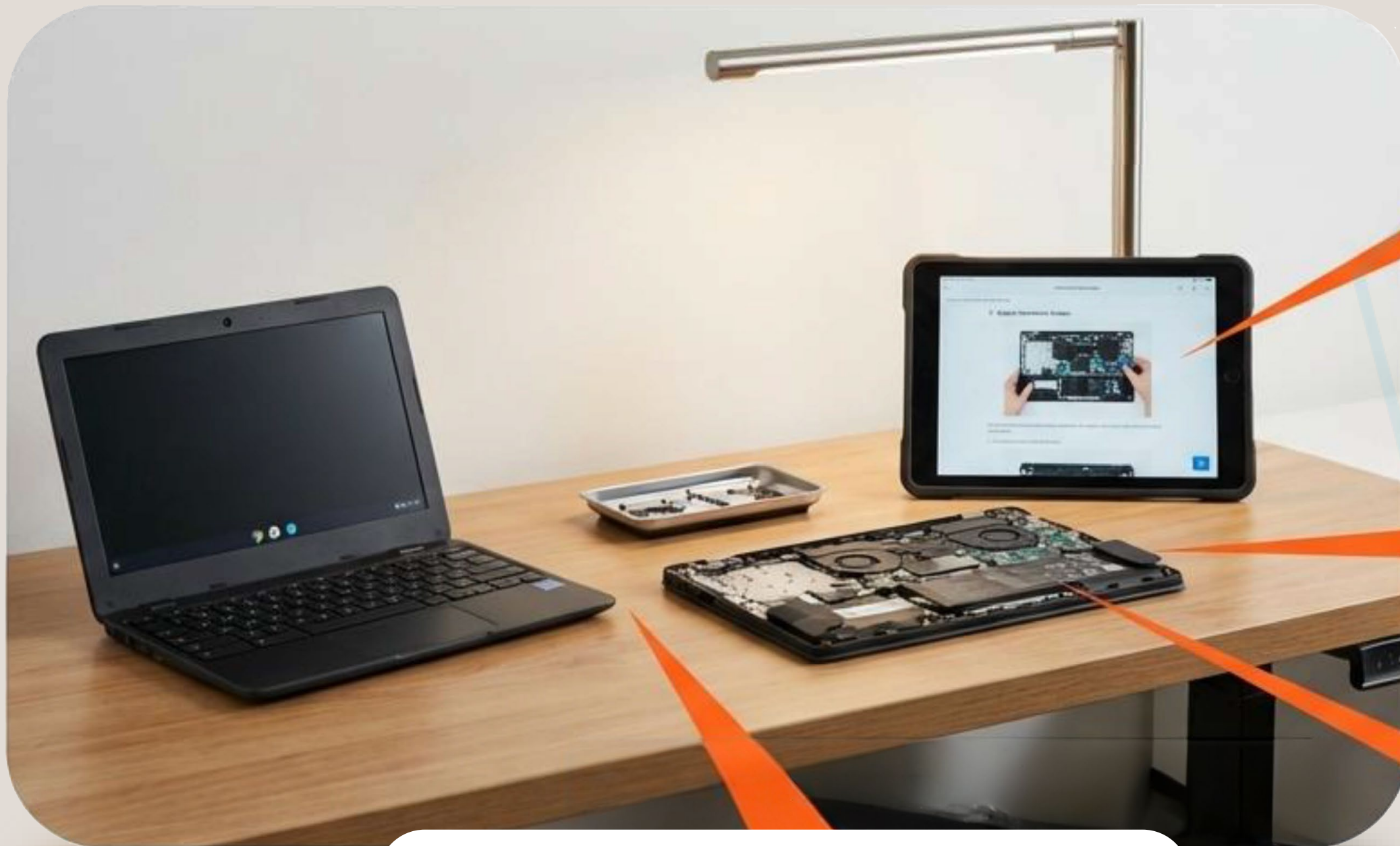
Component Diagnostics:
Identifying and replacing motherboards, trackpads, and screens.



Future State:
Utilizing ticketing systems.



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Digital Supports:

Students with no existing technical experience can get guided interactive support at every repair station with visual, step-by-step instructions.

Motor Skill Accommodations:

Custom grips added to opening wedges.

Parts Management:

Magnetic parts trays to organize tiny screws and prevent loss.

Specialized Tools:

Low-torque electric screwdrivers to prevent overtightening and assist fine motor needs.



Manuela Hernandez
Principal

Inclusion is Essential



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From Vision to Reality

- First class started in August 2025.
- The students and staff self-selected to be a part of this program.
- First repair was completed in mid-September.

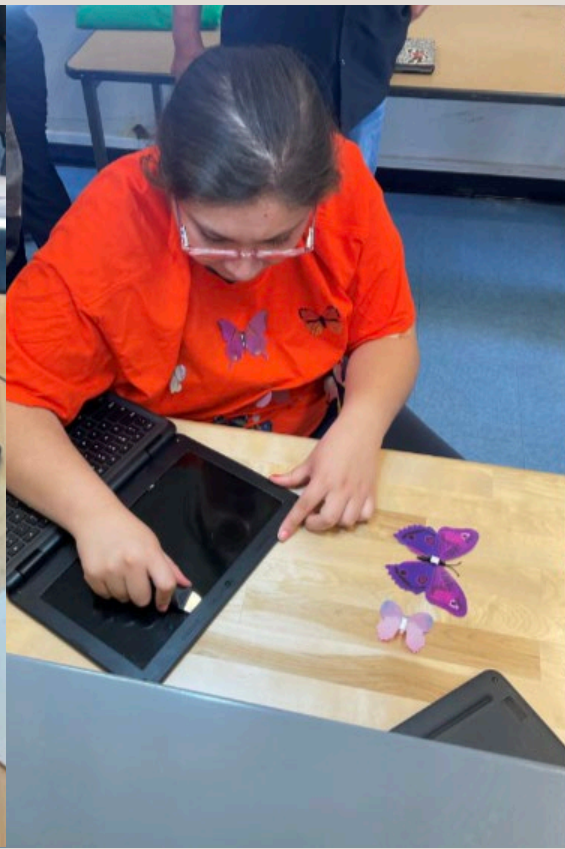
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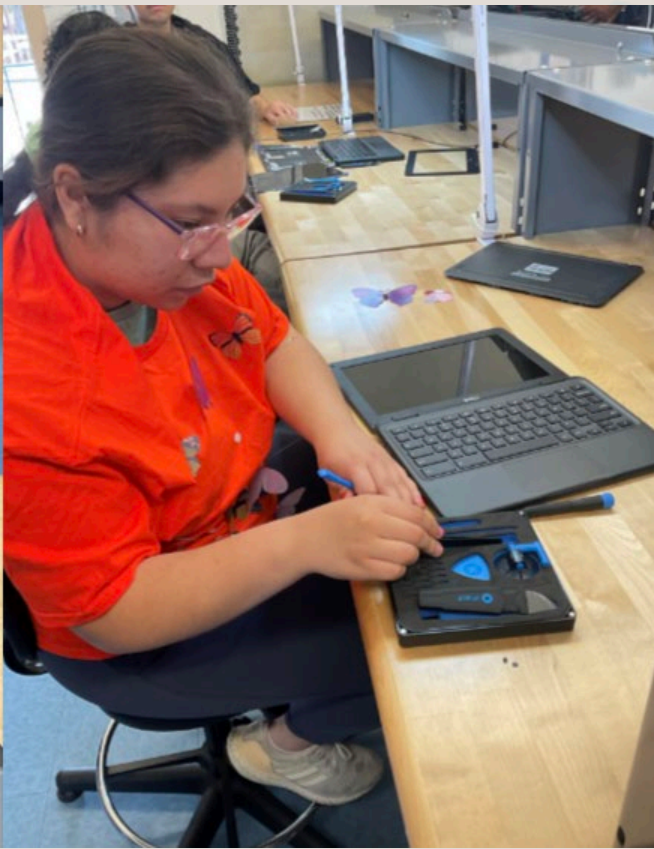
Student Journey



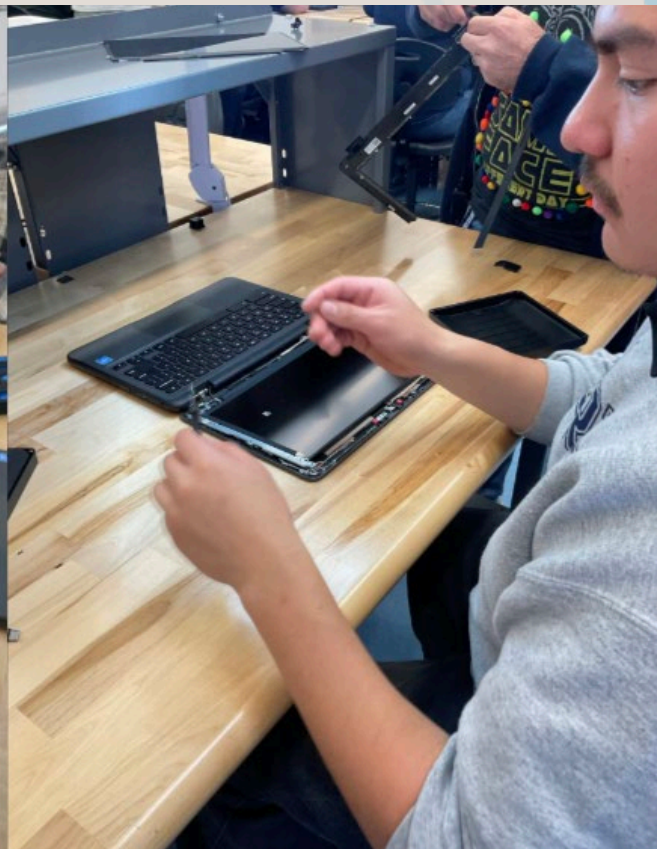
Damian Chavez



Helen Mora



Matthew Galaviz



Industry and Community Integration

Work with Partners

Providing site shadowing, real-world industry exposure, and potential internship pathways.

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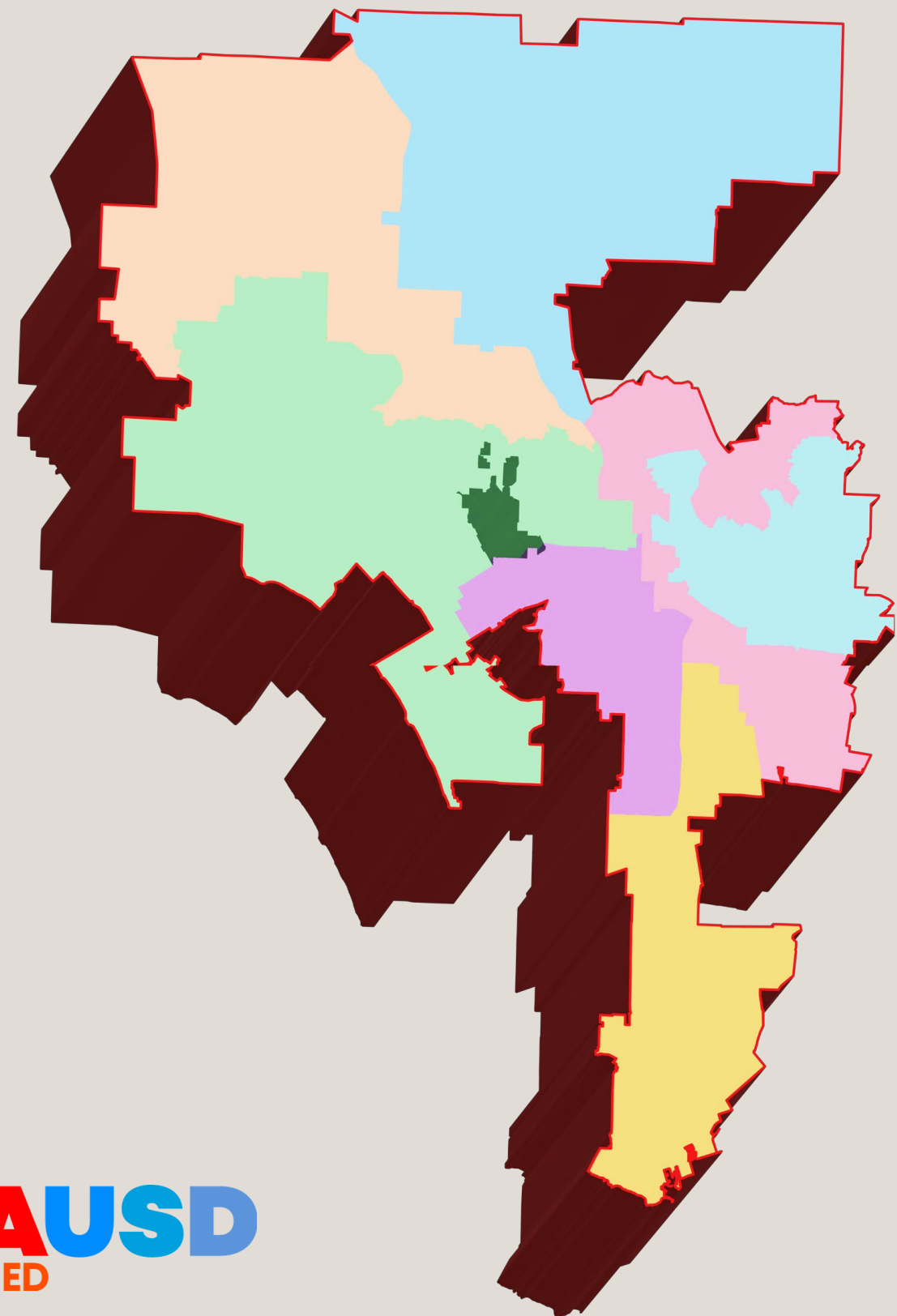
Internship and Employment Opportunity

State-funded vocational training and paid internships for students with IEPs.

Division of Adult and Career Education:

IT Support Technician Class

Opportunity and Access



Program is Expandable
to additional CTCs

For Education

Builds critical "soft skills," independence, and other generalizable skills

For Career

Increases access to entry-level job opportunities through technical training

Questions?