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### CTE Municipality Course Students Work with City Employees

**Barberton, OH** (November 21, 2023) – The City of Barberton is thrilled to announce the launch of an exciting initiative aimed at developing workforce skills among local students in partnership with the Barberton City School District. This innovative program, which started last year, is set to provide students with practical exposure and experience to the various departments within the City, allowing them to apply their knowledge in real-world situations. Through this initiative, the City of Barberton is investing in the future workforce and fostering the development of young leaders.

The program will be centered around academic themes derived from the Succeeding in the World of Work Textbook, which will serve as the primary resource for the course. In addition to the textbook's valuable content, the teacher will enhance the learning experience by incorporating supplementary activities related to each theme. This approach aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of workforce skills, preparing them for successful careers in various fields.

Starting during the Junior year, students participating in the program will have the opportunity to explore the different departments within the City of Barberton. Each month, a different City department will be highlighted, with representatives from that department visiting the classroom to speak directly to the students. During these interactive sessions, representatives will share insights into their roles, the work environment, opportunities available within the City, and the essential skills required to thrive in their respective fields.

After these sessions, students will get the chance to embark on site visits to the highlighted department, enabling them to witness the intricacies of the work and the environment firsthand. This direct exposure to real-world scenarios will serve as a valuable practical experience for students, encouraging their personal and professional growth. Furthermore, students will have the opportunity to engage with professionals in their desired fields, fostering connections that may prove beneficial upon entering the workforce.

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