

Dear Troup County Employers:

As we find ourselves approaching one year since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States, all of us have had to ponder ways in which we might do business differently. One thing for sure is that we have developed a keen sense of innovation and creativity – the environment demanded that we do so. The Troup County School System (TCSS) along with its partner program THINC College & Career Academy (THINC) have worked diligently to prepare students for whatever path they choose in their post-secondary life. We all ascribe to the notion that “there is a place for every kid” (Dr. Brian Shumate), and it is our responsibility to facilitate an atmosphere where those paths may be discovered.

In order to help us serve you better, it is imperative that we have feedback to ensure that our Career Technical Agricultural Education (CTAE) Pathways and curriculum match the needs of industry. It is our desire to remain in step with current and future technology, methodology and means for students to be successful in the workplace. In our effort to provide students exposure to real world experiences, we utilize Youth Apprenticeship Programs, Internships, Co-op Opportunities, LEAP (Learn to Earn Accelerated Program at the Troup County Career Center) and Expeditions (THINC). All of these programs are designed to give you the opportunity to experience the caliber of future workforce while ensuring top-quality long-term team members.

The following survey will be used to enhance our process and facilitate excellence. Feel free to focus on entry-level and high demand positions within your organization. **If you provide feedback on five positions, the survey should take you no more than 30 minutes.** Again, the data collected will be used in Pathway creation and curriculum development while providing students an authentic post-high school experience.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and participation as we strive to positively affect the workforce of Troup County. Please contact Carrie Tomlin of THINC Academy at 706-668-6800 or tomlincl@troup.org with any questions you have. Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

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