

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center Wins 2020 Pacesetter Award

Center honored for its commitment to continuous improvement and quality career pathways

June 30, 2020 —Mahoning County Career & Technical Center in Canfield, Ohio, is the winner of a 2020 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Educational Board. The center will be honored on July 6, 2021, at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, due to the cancellation of the 2020 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to increases in student graduation rates, readiness for college and careers, and credential attainment.

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center implements [High Schools That Work](#), SREB's school improvement design for high schools, as part of the state's HSTW Northeast Ohio Region. MCCTC has created a data-driven high performing school improvement culture that includes multiple opportunities for student success.

The center also focuses on access and equity, ensuring each student has access to and completes high-quality career pathways that aligned with their interests and aptitudes.

Over the past three years, the center has made significant gains on its Ohio School Report Card. Students' preparedness for success has increased by 60%, and the center has maintained a 92% post-program placement rate in fields related to students' high school programs of study. Post-program placement measures the proportion of students who are employed, in an apprenticeship, join the military, or are enrolled in postsecondary education or advanced training six months after leaving school.

SREB's [Making Schools Work Conference](#) is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country and build school and district leadership capacity.

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