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GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING TO INCLUDE [XXCITY] MEETING

[XX CITY] one of 26 regions to discuss strategies to help Washington youth gain needed work skills, prepare for high-demand jobs.

[XXCITY] Local representatives from business and industry, educators, and community leaders are invited to discuss next steps to help young people gain work readiness skills needed to fill high-demand jobs.

The local event will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 31 at the [Insert Site Name, followed by address.] Visit washingtonstem.org/govsummit for more details and to register.

Discussions will focus on helping more Washington youth gain access to a wide range of career-connected learning opportunities, including:

- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Job shadows
- Mentorships
- Job fairs
- Classroom visits from area employers

It's part of a broader conversation offered at more than 25 regional sites as part of Governor Inslee's Summit on Career-Connected Learning.

Washington businesses consistently report difficulty in finding hires with work-ready skills to fill key positions. There will be 740,000 job openings over the next five years in Washington alone. Career-connected learning has been proven to help young people complete their education goals and find meaningful pathways to employment.

Gov. Inslee will deliver live remarks at a central location at the Microsoft Campus in Redmond before an audience of 400 people, Inslee's presentation will also be streamed live to regional sites including [Insert your site name], bringing the total audience to about 1,000 individuals.

Gov. Inslee's remarks will be followed by discussions where community leaders will be able to ask questions, learn more about how to help young people in their own area gain work experience, and create a pipeline of skilled workers to meet the needs of business in even the most remote areas of the state.

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