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Standish-Sterling Community Schools –

College Presence in Arenac County:

Standish-Sterling Community Schools has initiated contacts with community colleges in our region. Arenac County does not have an affiliation with a community college, it is one of the few counties in the state of Michigan that lacks an affiliation. We believe this is a barrier for our residents, and we believe partnering with a community college would be very helpful for the post-secondary education here.

Delta College is utilized the most by SSC graduates. For the class of 2013, 60 of 108 students indicated they would be attending Delta College Fall 2013. We believe a partnership with Delta College would be very beneficial. Our goal would be to become a satellite campus of Delta College. A barrier to this goal is funding, and a grant subsidizing a Delta satellite campus is a necessity.

Skilled Trades Program:

Standish and Arenac County has a need for skilled trades and specializations in manufacturing. A goal of Standish-Sterling Community Schools is to develop an entry level skilled trades program/curriculum. The program will require expansion of the current SSC industrial Arts facilities, and investment in training. The financial requirements are in the initial planning stages, and grants will be a necessity.

Robotics Program:

Standish-Sterling Community Schools is implementing First Robotics team at the high school level. Its long term goals are to have a middle school and elementary school teams. This competition is costly and need financial support to run , so grant opportunities will be necessity to support the teams in the future.