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Support Request

Construction Academy Class at Bozeman and Gallatin High Schools

The Bozeman School District is thrilled to announce an exciting dual-credit opportunity for students at Bozeman and Gallatin High Schools: the creation of a **Construction Academy**. Set to launch in the 2025-26 school year, this public-private collaboration program will provide students with hands-on experience in the construction field, starting with building sheds and with hopes of eventually expanding to the construction of single family homes to support employee housing challenges.

We need your help to make this vision a reality. The Construction Academy is designed to be self-sustaining in the long term, but initial funding is critical to get it off the ground. Ensuring a low student-to-teacher ratio for maximum learning impact and safety also means higher instructional costs, making your support even more vital.

The Construction Academy requires financial support to cover both **start-up costs** and **ongoing expenses**, including:

- **Tools, equipment, and storage** essential for hands-on construction projects.
- **Annual operating costs**, including teacher salaries, benefits, and the supplies and materials needed to construct sheds.

Following are *Questions and Answers* to clarify the need and explain the process for contributions:

Why support this program?

By contributing to this initiative, you are not only helping students gain invaluable skills but also investing in our community's workforce development. Your donation will directly impact the lives of young people, inspiring them to pursue careers in the trades and equipping them with the expertise needed to succeed there. The program is designed to:

- **Empower students:** This program will provide students with practical skills and pathways to rewarding careers in the trades.
- **Strengthen our community:** Program graduates will become skilled professionals who can immediately contribute to the local workforce and economy.
- **Build for the future:** By supporting this program, you are not just helping to build sheds or houses—you are helping to build bright futures for our students.

It is important to note that this Bozeman Public Schools course would also be a dual-enrollment course with Gallatin College, earning students high school credit as well as low to no cost college credits.

What contributions are needed?

Your donation, whether financial or in-kind, can make a profound difference. Suggested contribution levels are provided below, but contributions of any size are welcome and will go directly toward ensuring the success of the Construction Academy.

How can contributions be made?

Donations can be made as follows:

1. Via check or the District's online payment portal. To access the portal click [HERE](#), or visit (<https://bsd7.revtrak.net/donations/#/v/construction-academy-donations>). The Deadline for contributions to benefit the 2025-26 school year is February 28, 2025. Contributions made after this date will be accepted and applied to future program needs.
2. In-Kind or equipment donations may be accepted if they meet the needs of the program. Please contact us directly if you wish to make an in-kind donation.
3. Subject to availability, donations to this program are eligible for dollar-for-dollar state income tax credits. That means your contribution to the program could literally cost you nothing! Click [here](#) for additional information, or review the program guide at <https://mtrevenue.gov/publications/tax-credits-for-qualified-education-contributions-guide/>. **Please contact us directly if you wish to participate in the Montana Innovative Income Tax Credit Program.** Donations for this program cannot be accepted through the online payment portal.

The time to act is now! For questions or to learn more about how you can support the **Construction Academy**, please contact Career Outreach Coordinator Karl Schwartz at 406-404-4882 or by email at karl.schwartz@bsd7.org.

Thank you for your consideration and for joining us in this exciting endeavor. Together, we can build not just structures but brighter futures. To learn more about Advanced Opportunities program within Bozeman Public Schools visit our website:

<https://www.aobozeanmt.org/>

Funding Levels and Industry Partner Recognitions:

Levels	Cost	Details - Partner Recognitions
Platinum Level	\$55,000 per school per year 1.0 FTE / Conex Cost/Curriculum and books 1 year or multiple years	Wrapped Conex (Large Space) Job Site Fencing Signage (Large Space) Website Press Release Marketing Materials
Gold Level	\$25,000 or In-Kind (Tools) Start-up Tools Costs 1 year or multiple years	Wrapped Conex (Medium Space) Job site Fencing Signage (Medium Space) Website Press Release Marketing Materials
Silver Level	\$6,000 or In-Kind (Shed Materials/practice materials) 1 year or multiple years	Job site fencing signage (small space) Website Press Release Marketing Materials
Bronze Level	Anything Helps (Additional funding for future years, potential growth, additional experiences for students)	Job site fencing signage (combined with others on banner) Website Press Release Marketing Materials