

Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center Wins Pacesetter Award

Career and technology center honored for establishing a culture of continuous improvement

July 10, 2019 — Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center in Springville, Pennsylvania, is the winner of a 2019 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School award from the Southern Regional Educational Board. SCCTC was honored at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference on July 10 in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 or careers, and credential attainment.

SCCTC uses SREB's annual teacher and student surveys to identify strengths and challenges. Teachers participate in professional development during summer conferences, share the learning with staff and demonstrate evidence of student learning during classroom observation walkthroughs. An in-house professional development consultant also provides personalized support and training that results in quality instruction for students. Teachers put in place an alert system to identify and help at-risk students.

If students' grades fall below 74, teachers send alerts to the students and their parents and outline an action plan to address deficits. Student performance on national standardized career- and technical-focused exams improved from 85 percent in 2014-15 to 90 percent in 2017-18.

The Making School Work Conference brings together educators from schools that are implementing the instructional strategies of SREB's school improvement programs. These schools have increased their focus on quality career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that integrate academic and technical knowledge and skills.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org.

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