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**Salem-Keizer Board of Directors approves acceptance of the donation  
for Career Technical Education Center**

*The innovative public-private partnership brings together all sectors for the  
benefit of students, community and industry growth.*

**SALEM, Ore.** – At its Tuesday night meeting, the Salem-Keizer School Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of the donation for the building and land where the district operates its Career and Technical Education Center. Director Heyen was absent. The center houses 10 of the district’s 54 career and technical education programs.

This donation comes as a result of the innovative public-private partnership between Salem-Keizer Public Schools and Mountain West Investment Corporation to provide more career and technical education opportunities for high school juniors and seniors across the district.

“What started as a vision is now a truly remarkable opportunity for our community,” said superintendent Christy Perry. “Year after year, we have seen the impact CTEC has made on students who graduate with a competitive advantage as they enter the next chapter of their careers. Many go on to a trade school, university, or directly into high-skill, high-wage and high-demand careers.”

The Career and Technical Education Center first opened in 2015 with the first two programs: Manufacturing, Welding and Engineering and Residential Construction. Each year, the partnership was committed to grow the facility by two additional programs, and now, at its full capacity, serves nearly 700 juniors and seniors in 10 programs. [View a full list of program areas online.](#)

“Our team at Mountain West is grateful for the partnership with Salem-Keizer Public Schools and look forward to watching students flourish through participation in the CTEC programs,” said Jason Tokarski, vice president of Mountain West. “Our hope is that CTEC’s impact is felt in



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our community for generations to come and we humbly thank everyone that came together to make it happen.”

Tonight’s decision from the board of directors marks the next chapter in CTEC’s story as SKPS formally takes ownership of the property, which was previously leased from SUNTEK Oregon, LLC and CRTCTEC, LLC. The district will continue to partner with Mountain West Investment Corporation, the business community and industry partners to provide students with robust CTE programs.

[Making the vision of CTEC a reality](#) required ongoing collaboration and support from district, community and industry partners. A full list of past and current community leaders who played integral roles in preparing for this historic donation is available on Salem-Keizer Public Schools’ website.

To learn more about CTEC, the history of the public-private partnership and the programs it provides for students, visit [ctec.salkeiz.k12.or.us](http://ctec.salkeiz.k12.or.us).





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*Cutline: Students, staff, industry partners and former board directors cut the ceremonial ribbon at the grand opening of the Career and Technical Education Center on October 9, 2015.*

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*Led by Superintendent Christy Perry, Salem-Keizer School District 24J is the second-largest school district in the state of Oregon. Nearly 5,000 employees serve nearly 42,000 students in 65 schools in the cities of Salem and Keizer.*