



## Announcement for NESC Schools

We are pleased to announce a new relationship that we've established with a new North Dakota company called **Golden Path Solutions** and the **Forward Devils Lake Corporation** that is intended to help schools, students, employers, and communities that belong to the Northeast Education Services Cooperative.

Golden Path Solutions (GPS) based in Fargo, North Dakota has built a new technology called "Compass" that uses information about a student's experiences in high school to give them guidance on their skills and potential career paths. Their solution builds somewhat on RUPReady, using the same Holland Code model, but leveraging experiences vs. a survey to determine skills. GPS has been working with our state CTE Director (Wayde Sick) over the last year or so and have rolled out their solution in many ND schools, including Wahpeton, Northern Cass, Beach, and soon schools in Fargo. They also have developed a methodology to connect students to employers through the application, helping drive workforce development initiatives. You can learn more [here](#).

Brad Barth with the Forward Devils Lake Corporation has been driving the [20X20 program](#) intended to help students connect with regional employers, using work agreements and tuition reimbursements to help companies secure talent for their future workforce, leveraging local funds and the ND Career Builders program to help cover tuition costs. Brad has been working with more than 20 employers in the Devils Lake area.

Through this partnership, we will be able to not only allow students to explore career paths, but they can choose to be matched with employers for tuition reimbursement programs like the 20X20 program, helping all students in the NESC learn about local opportunities and potentially secure tuition reimbursement agreements and a career they will love.

Forward Devils Lake Corporation, in conjunction with a Perkins V grant offered by the state of North Dakota, has secured licenses for all schools in the NESC region, meaning this new technology will be available to all of you and your students at no cost. Additionally, GPS and Brad will be reaching out to local economic development leaders and employers in your region to establish sponsorships similar to what has been done in the Devils Lake region, helping you, your students, and your employers benefit from this collaborative model. Companies that are participating in this effort include larger companies like Bobcat and Sanford, as well as local companies like Bergstrom Automotive Group, CHI St. Alexius Hospital, High Plains Equipment, CoJack Snack and Pack, and Summers Mfg.

You can learn more information about each of these groups using contact information below.

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