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Issue Current education guidelines restrict high schools to preparing students primarily for college and college-level careers, leaving most other career pathways out of reach to students.

Project Description My key message: High schools are not placing enough emphasis on the importance of vocational careers. Society requires vocational job positions as much as positions requiring a college education, and high schools should teach accordingly.

Actions to be taken include: -Modifying the education guidelines and graduation requirements set by the "No Child Left Behind Act" to allow high school students to enroll in vocational preparatory courses in addition to the general education courses
-Introducing a Vocational Survey Course to high schools to help students better understand their opportunities in a vocational career field.

Specific constituencies identified include: -Sollers Point Technical School, Sacramento Jobs Corps Center, New Mexico's "JTIP", Department of Labor, Oakland Schools Technical Campus, Lamphere Schools District.

Project Outcome The end result of such a project would be to have high schools nationwide not only offer preparation for career fields that require a college education, but also offer a course path to prepare students for vocational careers.

Request I would greatly appreciate the assistance of my senator or representative to bring this issue, and the proposed solution, before a larger group of people who have the power to take further action on the proposal.

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