

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

The shortage of skilled labor in Western Yavapai County has some very serious consequences. The Joint Technological Education District, JTED, will play a vital role in helping Western Yavapai County's businesses close this gap by building a competitive workforce for the 21st Century

The requirements of our modern workforce have changed dramatically in the last decade. Where once unskilled labor dominated the workforce, now more than 60% of the workforce needs to be highly skilled.



I support the JTED. The JTED is the most important development in Yavapai County education since the founding of Yavapai College 40 years ago. Please vote yes for JTED.

*Rep. Lucy Mason, LD 1
Arizona House of Representatives*



WHAT'S A JTED?

- Joint Technological Education District (JTED) is a proposed regional school district. The Arizona legislature approved a statute that allows public school districts to join together through a public vote to combine efforts in offering career and technical education programs.
- This November, each of the seven school districts in Yavapai County will ask its voters to approve the formation of the JTED.
- JTED will be governed first by an appointed governing board and then by elected board members.
- JTED courses are open to all high school students in Western Yavapai County.
- JTED will be funded by a combination of shared state revenue (tax dollars we already pay) and an annual secondary property tax of \$5 per \$100,000 estimated market value.



GETTING OUR SHARE OF STATE FUNDS

It's time we got a fair share of state funds for our schools. Arizona allocates \$54 million a year for JTED districts in Maricopa and other counties. Western Yavapai County gets none of these funds because we do not have a JTED.



WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT JTED ?

"As this region's premier source for quality healthcare, YRMC deeply appreciates our highly skilled, compassionate and dedicated employees. Our employees are essential to delivering the care our patients need and deserve. This is why the creation of a JTED in western Yavapai County is so important to everyone in this region. The JTED will provide cost effective work readiness skills for many healthcare careers that are critically needed right now."

*Tim Barnett, Chief Executive Officer
Yavapai Regional Medical Center*

"Competing for today's firefighter positions and skilled labor jobs has become increasingly challenging. As a firefighter and public educator, I agree this is the perfect marriage of our resources and the needs of our children. We owe it to our youth to give them every opportunity to succeed, because in the end we all benefit from their successes. The UYF whole heartedly endorses the JTED program and will participate."

*Tom Haney, President
United Yavapai Firefighters Local #3066*

"It is common to hear people discuss how we can improve on the education of our children, preparing them to compete in a global economy. This is our chance; the JTED will put dollars into real job training and career pathways. I believe this is taxpayer dollars well spent with a huge return on investment to the community. Please support this effort and give our kids a chance to really compete."

*Rep. Andy Tobin (R-Paulden)
Arizona House of Representatives, District One*

"Most of our major world competitors begin quality technical education at the secondary level. These countries realize that young people are more motivated to learn math and science if they have practical applications. They know that young people can become competent employees in business and industry at a much earlier age. Colleges and universities are now creating more opportunities for students to transfer credits into degree track programs. So in many respects, students who pursue a high quality technical education at a JTED have the best of all worlds."

*Dr. James Horton, President
Yavapai College*

I whole heartedly support a JTED for Yavapai County. I urge voters to approve this marvelous opportunity for students, of varying needs, to improve their education in the technical fields and thus their earning power in the future.

*Steven R. Campbell
Prescott Unified School District Governing Board*

I support a JTED in western Yavapai County. It's important to provide young people with real-world Career and Technical Education while sharing the costs between several school districts instead of each trying to do their own.

*Ken Bennett
Former President, Arizona State Senate*

COURSES BEING CONSIDERED:

- AGRICULTURE
- ALLIED HEALTH/NURSING
- AUTO MECHANICS
- CONSTRUCTION TRADES
- CULINARY ARTS
- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS
- MANUFACTURING
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- FIRE SCIENCE
- LAW ENFORCEMENT



JTED IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE VOTERS

All JTED districts are subject to statewide audits and statewide oversight. An elected board oversees the fiscal management of the district.