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To: Dr. Riggle, Superintendent
Board of Education

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Glenbrook Stories - November 12, 2018

MEMO

For our Glenbrook Stories segment on November 12, we will learn more about the GBN Transition Program's new partnerships that are helping prepare students for life after high school.

The GBN Transition staff has partnered with Northbrook community businesses to expose students to different vocations. The Transition curriculum focuses on preparing students for life after high school by developing communication skills that ultimately lead to greater community participation, self-determination and interpersonal relationships.

In preparation for such vocational experiences, teachers Rita Umansky and Nick Capalbo help students identify their likes and dislikes in class so that trips are tailored to their interests. They work on everything from crafting voice messages and emails to setting a placemat and serving food. GBN job coach Chris Layfield continues to build positive relationships with community businesses, even helping some students land internships.

"It's very beneficial for the students because not only can these job-related skills help them in the future, they also develop a sense of purpose, self confidence and the ability to problem solve," Layfield said. "These skills will be with them forever."