Dear Northfield Employers,

(if you are not the proper recipient to engage with Northfield students with your business, please forward this email to the proper person. Thank you!)

Workforce development is a key priority for Northfield, and in particular, for youth and young adults entering the workforce. In 2024, a new collaborative effort began with the Northfield High School, Arcadia, the ALC, the Northfield Chamber of Commerce along with Workforce Development Inc of SE Minnesota with the following 3-E's initiative.

1. **Exploration** - Provide students with tours, roundtables
2. **Education** – connecting classroom to fields of work
3. **Engagement** - connect students with employers through job fairs, job shadowing, and paid work experiences and employment opportunities.

To that end, we are hosting a meeting specifically to bring all interested employers into this collaborative effort.

We are offering this meeting via Zoom to make it as accessible as possible. Please join us on **Wednesday, February 26 at noon** for this important discussion.

To register for the meeting, please click on the link **at the bottom**

- Welcome and introductions
- Hear about ways that employers can get involved
- Learn about WDI financial assistance and internship development opportunities

We understand the demands on your time and appreciate your consideration of this important initiative. We believe that by working together, we can ensure that Northfield's students are prepared for successful careers and that our businesses have access to a skilled and qualified workforce.

We look forward to your participation. If you are unable to participate in the zoom, but would like to join in our efforts, please contact Gospel Kordah GKordah@wdimn.org

Upcoming career exploration dates:

April 8th – Career Fair at the Northfield High School
May 6th- Reverse Career Fair at the Northfield Middle School

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Gospel Kordah, Youth Career Planner, WDI
Jane Bartho, IOM, President

Join Zoom Meeting
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