Partnerships Lead to a Brighter Future!

VCEDC & NPSD
Northland Pines School District

- 1200+ Students
- Far North part of state up against the **UP Border**
- Almost 500 square miles
- 1 of 2 HS in Vilas County (Phelps other one)
- 4 Elementary Schools
- 2 Middle Schools
- 2 High Schools
- Eagle River is main city however 11 communities make up our district
There are five main components of economic development that the VCEDC is focused on:
1. Organizational Capacity and Leadership
2. Infrastructure
3. Business Development
4. Workforce Development
5. Community Cash Flow
How

VCEDC strategies for economic development include:
1. Help existing firms become more efficient
2. Capturing and growing existing markets (e.g. tourism)
3. Encouraging start-up of new firms
4. Attracting new basic or export employers, a/k/a industrial recruitment
5. Using aids from broader governments
Partnerships

- **Fab Lab**
  - Money, support, talent
  - Community - Bigger Picture
  - Collaborative spaces in incubators

- **Broadband**
  - Multiple Committees & Grants
    - New STG and Pines Fiber Grant
  - Using connections to bring key players together
  - Towns, business, communities, and schools

- **Student Organizations (DECA, Skills USA....)**
  - Funds
  - Talent
  - Future
WHY-??

- **Common Vision**
  - See Vilas County grow and succeed
    - Working with All Schools in Vilas County
  - Passion for who we are and what we need to do to grow

- **Education and Business cannot operate without one another**
  - Employees looking to move are looking for great schools
  - Employers are looking for better future workforce

- **NPSD more than just for students**
  - Promise of new building
A Way of LIFE........

Key Points

1. Shared vision and goals
2. Economic Development needs strong schools
3. Schools need strong local economy
4. Community minded organizations
5. Both partners need each other and other groups
6. Grants and investments are key to helping grow both organizations
7. Have to help each other or not a true partnership
"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

Abraham Lincoln
Questions
THANK YOU

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