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“Different. Not less.”

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August 16, 2021

To parents/guardians:

The WorkAbility I Program is a school to work program that assists 14-22 year-old students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in making the transition from high school to independent living. Our mission is to promote the involvement of key stakeholders including students, families, educators, employers, and other agencies in planning and implementing an array of services that will culminate in successful student transition to employment, lifelong learning, and quality of life.

You are receiving this letter because your child is eligible to participate in a job placement for paid work experience. WorkAbility is a teacher referred program, and completely voluntary. Applications can be requested from the teacher/case manager or the WorkAbility office at 530-532-5922, and we would be happy to deliver a folder for the student to fill out. Application folders are due no later than May 6, 2022; however, there are a limited number of placements and students will be served on a first come, first served basis.

We offer three work placement types:

- A 10-hour introduction to work, typically for 14-15 year old students
- A 45-hour community work placement for students 16+
- An 85-hour community work placement partnered with Department of Rehabilitation for students 16+

The purpose of our program is to better prepare our students for work upon graduating high school. They go through the application and interview process for practice with our staff there to support them. Students earn minimum wage, paid by Butte County Office of Education, and work outside of school hours, including after school, weekends or non-school days. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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