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Among the many attributes that make the Wake County Public School System a leader in education is the strong partnership with our business community. Today's event is an excellent example of this commitment. I want to personally thank you for participating in Wake County Public School System's Seventh Annual Xtreme Beginnings. You make this event possible.

Today, more than 600 students, in grades 10-12, will benefit from your volunteerism and career expertise. Previous years have shown that this event helps students gain a better understanding of career options as they continue the process of actively planning their futures.

Through your dedication to the School-to-Career Initiative, students will participate in practice job interviews with human resource professionals, have their resumes critiqued, attend roundtable discussions on a variety of careers and related topics, and visit with university, community college and trade school representatives for a wide array of postsecondary options.

An exciting addition is being offered this year to seniors considering employment directly after high school graduation. The Employment Fair will provide the opportunity to meet with area employers and discuss employment opportunities available to high school graduates.

Thank you for your invaluable gift of time as we work together to prepare the next generation of productive citizens and community leaders. As Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

With appreciation,

Del Burns, Ed.D.