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Fairfield 33 Alliance Educates LCS STEM students during In-Demand Jobs Week

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance celebrated In-Demand Jobs Week last week by giving presentations to General Sherman, Thomas Ewing, and Rushville Middle School students on manufacturing and how it is an in-demand job in Fairfield County.

The Alliance partnered with the Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership to speak with the middle school students about the manufacturing industry, current manufacturing opportunities for students and how they can be a part of this business right out of high school.

"The Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership aims to increase the workforce of Ohio manufacturers by connecting students to valuable tools like the Ohio MEP High School Internship program and Pre-Apprenticeship program," said Susan Foltz, Director of the Ohio Manufacturing Extension Program. "Programs like these allow us to better prepare students for the future workforce of manufacturers in Ohio."

Currently, there are many different jobs and careers in manufacturing in Fairfield County that are going unfilled because of the need for skilled workers.

"Lancaster's STEM classes give our students the chance to develop a life-long learning path. If they aren't sure that college is the right path for them, they can turn to trades and industries they enjoy working in and get a job making good money right in their own back yard," said Kyle Hesterman, Thomas Ewing robotics teacher.

 "We hoped that by coming into the classroom we could inspire excitement and awareness of manufacturing and how it is impacting our very own community," said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director.

In-Demand Jobs Week (May 7-11, 2018) was created to recognize Ohio's high-growth industrial and professional sectors and how they provide the state's workforce with thousands of rewarding career paths.

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