When Consultation with Stakeholders Exposes a Need for a New CTAE Pathway

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Workforce Needs for Region

Stakeholder Surveys of parents, students and business/industry

Identification of needs - Aviation and set for 2nd phase
Specific Aviation Advisory Committee

Implemented identified pathways in Needs Assessment: Flight Operations and Flight Maintenance
Importance of continued work with Advisory Team - brought need, data & background info on Unmanned Aircraft Systems - drones.

Student survey to ensure we had their buy in too.

Learning curve for Industry about just starting program - available curriculum.
Consensus to forge ahead and develop curriculum.

Followed Established Guidelines for Pathway Development

https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/Programs-of-Study.aspx
Biggest Challenge - right people at the table, and as often as we needed them. We had post secondary; special populations, other school districts; pilots; retired Aviation personnel; airport management; Fire Chief; Ag Professor and Researcher; flight student; Construction representative; DOT; FAA; Warner Robins AFB; Aerospace Engineer; TEFGA and others.
The mission of the Griffin-Spalding County School System is to empower students to graduate college and career ready.
Mindset this is needed - so great working relationship, team was happy to follow the necessary guideline and devote time needed.

Great constructive discussions and talked through many ideas and possibilities.
WONDERFUL Assistance from GADOE:

Dr. John Pritchett & Mr. Tim Elliott

Value of ensuring we were doing what was needed so we did not waste anyone’s time.
Presented to SBOE on 1/15/20 and asked to be posted for public comment and review.
Hopefully this pathway will be of value to others, not just GSCS.

In speaking to other systems, there has been interest, just not the time to devote to the process. But is is well worth it and I would be happy to share any info on the process and I know Dr. Pritchett and all the GADOE Program Specialists are ready to help too!