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Curtis Lumber and area Construction Companies Partner to Help Jumpstart Graduating Students Entering the Trades.

BALLSTON SPA, NY (June 1, 2022) – Curtis Lumber is excited to announce a partnership with several local companies in the construction industry to help graduating seniors at WSWHE BOCES and Questar III BOCES in Career and Tech Ed programs.

Curtis Lumber has spearheaded an effort to provide over 250 tool bags filled with some starter items in support of graduating seniors at WSWHE BOCES and Questar III BOCES entering the workforce in the areas of Construction, Heavy Equipment, HVAC & Welding. Participating companies include Belmonte Builders, Bennett Contracting, Callanan Industries, DeGraff Bloom Customer Builders, DA Collins, Hoosick Valley Contractors, Malta Development, Munter Enterprises, North Atlantic State Regional Council of Carpenters, Otterbeck Builders, Teakwood Builders, Trojanski Builders, Turner Construction, Weyerhaeuser, and Witt Construction.

The tool bags will be given to the students at the following campuses per this schedule:

June 6th: 12:45 PM Questar (Columbia Greene and Durham Students)
Columbia Greene Ed. Center (131 Union Turnpike, Hudson)
June 7th: SAEC BOCES 8:30 AM class and 12:00 PM class (1051 Dix Ave, Hudson Falls)
Fri, June 10th: BOCES Myers Center: 8:30 AM class and 12:00 PM class (Henning Rd, Saratoga)
June 14th: 9:30 AM Questar @ Rensselaer Ed. Center (35 Colleen Rd, Troy)

"The trades are in desperate need of labor," stated Doug Ford, Vice President, at Curtis Lumber. "We wanted to do something to show our support and appreciation for students embarking on a career in the trades."

The multi-company partnership is a continuation of a workforce development task force that spawned out of the Saratoga Builders Association. The group has grown in breadth and depth and now includes over 50 companies around the state.

To learn more about Curtis Lumber Company, visit <u>www.curtislumber.com</u>.

About Curtis Lumber Co, Inc

Established in 1890, Curtis Lumber Company is an independent, family-owned business that serves Eastern, Central, and Northern NY and Vermont. The company's 700 employees pride themselves on serving both consumers and professional builders. It's 23 locations are full-service home centers and building supply yards. It's fleet of 100 trucks can deliver from Pennsylvania to the Canadian border. There is always a Curtis Lumber nearby.