

Greater Lowell Tech receives \$90G grant to improve access to vocational education

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TYNGSBORO — Greater Lowell Technical High School received a \$90,000 state grant that will help the school to improve equity and access to Career Vocational Technical Education programs, according to Superintendent Jill Davis.

The English Learner Recruitment and Success grant will enable the district to further develop, coordinate and deliver outreach programs to students, prospective students, and their families in the district's diverse member communities of Lowell, Dracut, Dunstable and Tyngsboro.

With the funding, the district will develop procedures to:

- Schedule one-on-one application and enrollment assistance for English language learner students.
- Arrange for tours for prospective English language learner students and their families and help completing enrollment forms.
- Respond to inquiries from students and families, and agencies and community centers that work with English language learner communities.
- Collaborate with student services specialists, district leadership and vocational leaders.
- Identify guest speakers, former graduates, translators and student liaisons who will support English language learners.
- The district currently prepares documents and presentations in English, Khmer, Portuguese and Spanish, communicating effectively with the school's stakeholders. The district will use grant money to expand the types of information that will be translated, and increase the number of languages into which information will be translated.

“Every student, no matter their background, should have equal access to a Career Technical Education, and to the prospects for a bright future,” Davis said. “We are grateful to the Baker-Polito Administration for providing this grant, and for recognizing Greater Lowell Technical High's school's role in becoming part of the solution.”