WHY CHANGE THE APPROACH?

REACH ALL STUDENTS

SENIOR SURVEY DATA
60% enter a post-secondary institution, 5% join the military, 10% go to a sustaining work experience - the remaining 25% are employed at minimum wage or unemployed. Only 1 out of every 4 Southside students that entered UACCB actually completed a program of study.

REDUCE THE COST OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION/TRAINING IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY
By nature, this would increase access to these opportunities.
CONFIGURING INNOVATION AT SOUTHSIDE

- Layer of support added at the high school level with college and career coach

- Industry experience for leadership, teachers, and students

- Expanded curriculum offerings
  Online Courses, Teacher Cadet, UACCB general education courses, career and technical training, and partnerships for concurrent credit

- Create “Future Story” dialogue opportunities earlier in student experience
EXAMPLE FUTURE STORY PATHWAYS

**EMT**
$32,420 annually, with earning potential of $40,000+ in the first year of employment with increased education/training.

**CNA**
$10.25 per hour, with earning potential of $50,000+ annually within the next 3 years with continued education/training.

**WELDER**
$15.00 per hour, with earning potential of $60,000+ annually with experience and additional industrial maintenance education/training.

**TEACHER CADET**
Acquire general education coursework while participating in job shadowing, internships, and other work experiences on campus. Potential to graduate with an Associate's Degree and ready to enter a partner Teacher Education program in Arkansas, then return back to the district certified to teach in approximately 2 years.
EVERYONE INVOLVED HAS INVESTED

**STUDENT/FAMILY INVESTMENT**
Based on a student's National Student Lunch Status (free/reduced/paid) which is calculated based on the family's household income.

**SCHOOL INVESTMENT**
20% of the total cost each semester.

**UACCB OR LYON COLLEGE**
Discounted tuition rates on all courses and secondary career center funds which pay in full for specific CTE programs.

**INDEPENDENCE COUNTY PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION**
Private funds raised by the foundation from individuals, business, and industry covers the remainder of the cost.
STAGES OF CONCERN

DEMAND BASED GROWTH
- Cybersecurity program expansion

COMMUNICATION
- Batesville Area Chamber, business and industry, all educational providers - offerings and responses

PARTNERSHIPS
- Joint Education Meetings

QUALITY WORK EXPERIENCES
- Regulatory and scheduling challenges

SUSTAINABILITY
- Continued financial support to allow students to begin these experiences as soon as they are ready
MY FUTURE STORY SUCCESS

REDUCED DROPOUTS

INCREASED COMMUNICATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS

INCREASED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

BEST PRACTICE
CEO luncheon, Arkansas Legislative Join Education Committee, Civic clubs, Rural Education Conference presenter, AAEA Fall Conference, ForwARd community