

**CONSIDERATION OF SENDING ASSIGNMENT TO AREA CAREER CENTERS –
MALDEN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 161.092, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

5 CSR 60-120.050 authorizes school districts to request approval from the State Board of Education to change affiliation from one area vocational school to another based upon written application submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, by November 1, for the next school year.

By letter dated September 26, 2013, the Malden R-I School District has made application to change the district’s affiliation from the New Madrid Technical Skills Center to the Kennett Career and Technology Center beginning with the 2014-15 school year. Accompanying this application is a letter from the Kennett School District in support of the change in affiliation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the information presented by the school districts involved, the Department is recommending that change in affiliation be approved.

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Dr. Sharon Helwig, Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Helwig,

The Malden R-I School District Board of Education respectfully requests approval of a change in career centers. Currently the students from Malden High School attend the New Madrid County R-I Technical Skills Center and we are requesting to begin attending the Kennett Career and Technology Center.

Over the last several years, there has been a continual decline of course offerings at the New Madrid County R-I Technical Skills Center. Currently there are no courses dedicated to computer repair and networking. In an age where there is still a need for trained computer and networking technicians, it is important that we offer our students that opportunity. Furthermore, the instructor for the welding program became ill during the 2012-13 school year and instead of searching for substitute, the school put the welding students in other programs. Several of our students quit attending New Madrid R-I Technical Skills Center last year in the second semester for this reason. This year the welding instructor resigned prior to school starting and as of last report, they have informed us that they hoped to fill the position by December. Our one student who still wanted to be in the welding program has decided to complete the auto mechanics program that he was put in last year in the second semester. There is a lot of opportunity for welders in our area where our students could gain meaningful employment directly from high school, but unfortunately there will be no qualified students graduating from New Madrid R-I Technical Skills Center.

Because of these issues and others, the Malden R-I School District Board of Education voted unanimously to petition the State Board of Education for a change in career centers at its September Board of Education meeting.

The Malden R-I School District Board of Education selected Kennett Career and Technology Center for several reasons. First and foremost there are more programs offered than at New Madrid and they are being offered in areas that our students can gain meaningful employment in our region. Secondly, according to Kennett officials, they have plans to continue expansion of the programs offered in the future. And finally we are the only school district in Dunklin County not attending Kennett and considering the proximity to Malden, it only makes sense to request this change.

In summation, it seems to be in the best interest of the students in the Malden R-I School District, educationally, to petition the State Board of Education for permission to attend Kennett.

On Behalf of the Board of Education,



Kenneth W. Cook, Superintendent

The Malden R-I School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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Dr. Helwig,

I write on behalf of Kennett School District #39, 035-102, and Kennett Career & Technology Center in support of the proposal to accept Malden R-I School District, 035-092, into the Kennett Perkins Consortium and accept Malden students into Kennett Career & Technology Center programs. Over the last five years we have averaged a student load of 75% of capacity. I feel that the 26% of underutilized capacity will be more than enough to meet Malden's needs.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities we will fulfill in the partnership. In the event this change in area career centers is approved, we would expect our role to include:

- 1.) Responsibly managing the Perkins allocation for the consortium and informing the school districts about the amount, allowable uses, and budget for their Perkins dollars;
- 2.) Accomplish the yearly 180 day follow-up and inform the school district of its results;
- 3.) Accomplish the yearly TSA/IRC exams and informing the school district of its results;
- 4.) Guarantee a set number of seats in each program area and open any available unfilled seats to consortium members;
- 5.) Maintain an open line of communication with consortium members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 573-717-1100 ext. 103 or cwilson@kennett.k12.mo.us

Thank you,



Chris Wilson, Superintendent
Kennett School District #39

Area Career Center Comparison

Malden R-I School District

New Madrid Technical Skills Center	Kennett Career and Technology Center
Tuition: \$1300.00	Tuition: \$1300.00
Miles to ACC: 25	Miles to TEC: 28
<u>Courses Offered:</u> Agricultural Education Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Business Education Carpentry Diesel Mechanics Early Childhood Professions Graphic Arts Occupations Health Service Aide Welding Technology	<u>Courses Offered:</u> Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Business Education Electrical and Electronics Equip. Repair Graphic Arts Occupations Health Service Aide Marketing Welding Technology

Support Services	Support Services
Guidance/Placement	Guidance/Placement Single Parent/Displaced Homemaker and Sex Equity Counseling Student Financial Assistance