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Solano and Napa Students Gear Up to Participate in Upcoming Trades Tour

More than 150 students from Solano and Napa counties will have a chance to participate in a local trades tour, Friday, November 9, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. visiting National Electrical Contractors in Napa, Carpenters 46 Northern in Fairfield, Sheetmetal Workers Local 104 in Fairfield and Heat & Frost Insulators Local 16 in Benicia. During their visit at various training centers in our region, area high school students will be exposed to the many opportunities a union construction career can offer. The tour has taken place for the last several years and is sponsored by Napa-Solano Central Labor Council, Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), North Bay Apprenticeship Coordinators Association, and Napa-Solano Building Trades. Together they will team up to bus 150 plus students around two counties as they receive a first-hand look at alternatives to college.

"This partnership is based on a commitment to make graduating students aware of excellent career options in our area. The tour is a great experience for them, as they are able to use specialized tools and ask questions directly to labor leaders and trainers," said Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Solano and Napa counties offer six training centers within a half-hour of one another. These state-approved apprenticeship training centers provide free training using an "earn while you learn" model as an apprentice starts a career in construction. Centers include: Sheet Metal Workers Local 104, Carpenters Regional Training Center, Ironworkers Local 378, Heat and Frost Insulators Local 16, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 180, and Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 342.

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