

# D211 POST: SCHAUMBURG BUSINESS LEADER PROMOTES SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP DURING TOUR



*Innovative Components Inc. President Mike O'Connor discusses recruiting high school students into the labor market during a tour of his company in Schaumburg Oct. 25.*

Illinois Deputy Governor Leslie Munger, President and CEO of Intersect Illinois Mark Peterson, Commerce and Economic Opportunity Assistant Deputy Director Erik Brejla and others toured Innovative Components Inc. Schaumburg facility as part of a local business tour arranged by the Schaumburg Business Association October 25.

During opening remarks, Innovative Components President Mike O'Connor discussed the importance of reaching high school aged students. One item O'Connor focused on was the program his company runs which recruits students from local high schools. He also discussed the working relationship his company has had with Township High School District 211 and Township High School District 214 through programs for students with special needs.

"We are grateful for Innovative Component's partnership with the District in creating opportunities for all students," said District 211 Director of Special

Education Renée Erickson. "It is through this partnership our students can experience the world of work, with the real potential for post-secondary opportunities in continued education, training and employment."



Following the opening remarks, the delegation, as well as representatives from Districts 211 and 214 walked through the workshop. Inside they were greeted by a recent Schaumburg High School graduate who discussed the nature of his job with Innovative Components. The group also observed special needs students from District 211's Higgins Education Center packaging one of the many styles of nobbs created by Innovative Components.

Following the tour, Deputy Governor Munger spoke on how she was impressed by the partnerships between the company and school districts. She also expressed her appreciation for seeing special needs students being given the opportunity to learn a skill and continue working.



*Innovative Components Inc. President Mike O'Connor discusses his company's operations with Illinois Deputy Governor Leslie Munger and Intersect Illinois President and CEO Mark Peterson during a tour Oct. 25.*

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[D211 POST: COLLEGE NIGHT IS OCTOBER 10](#)



As part of District 211's effort to help prepare students for post-high school education, the District will host its annual college night October 10. The informational event will be held at Palatine High School from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The representatives from more than 210 two- and four-year colleges and universities will be on hand to answer a variety of questions. Representatives will discuss financial aid, curriculum and campus information.

In some cases, parents and students do not have the ability to visit a large number of colleges and universities in order to make a choice which best fits the student. The District's College Night brings the colleges and universities to them. In preparation for College Night, students are encouraged to register with Strivscan and create a label sheet which includes information such as home address, high school, GPA, ACT scores, and activity involvement. Students can register with StriveScan by going to [here](#).

District 211 Transportation will provide free shuttle services from other District schools to Palatine. Parents are encouraged to sign up for this service as parking at Palatine High School is limited. Parents and students can sign up for the shuttle service [here](#).