MANUFACTURING

That benefits the students who have new possibilities opened to them, and also local businesses that "can grow with the kids, the diversity that's available in their future career paths," added CertainTeed process engineer Chad Pearce. "(We're) sharing how many different types of careers exist just at one local manufacturing facility in one of their local towns."

For example, Pearce demonstrated 3-D printing technology similar to what he uses to design and produce machine parts for CertainTeed's manufacturing process. "Young people are intelligent and they're capable. They need inspiration," Pearce continued. "If they're inspired to do a career, a trade, then they'll chase it and be successful."

Dr. David Buck, superintendent of Wright City R-II School District, said the district's mission is to prepare students for success after graduation, whether that's through college or a technical or trade career. Buck said participating in employer while still in high school, Buck explained. Other classes and programs at the high school level impart leadership skills and opportunities for practical learning students can transfer into a successful career.

Regular communication between the school district and local employers is helping tailor those career-oriented programs, Buck said. And Manufacturing Day is a way to open students' eyes to what those programs could lead them to in the future.

POLICY

from the association is that marijuana not be allowed in or administered within the school setting, regardless if the student possesses a state-issued medical marijuana card. Board members were in agreement and approved a policy that school nurses should not be administering marijuana and that the substance will not be allowed on school property. But the discussion