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### **CPC Building Trades student-built home sells for \$292,000 in Troy**

Warren, MI – Warren Consolidated Schools recently sold its student-built home for more than \$17,000 over listing price, after being on the market for two days.

The home, located on Locksley Court in the city of Troy, was built by the students in the Building Trades program at the Career Preparation Center.

Ninety percent of the home was constructed by senior Building Trades II students, except for the foundation, roofing, and outdoor brickwork, which was contracted by skilled trades representatives.

The home boasts 1,723 square feet of living space and includes a spacious kitchen and nook, great room with vaulted ceiling, three bedrooms, two full bathrooms and a first-floor laundry. The home also includes a 1,600 square foot finished basement with living area, storage, a full-size bathroom, bedroom, and egress window.

The project, which began in 2010, was completed in June of 2018. Students worked on the home one hour a day, four days a week. This year's Building Trades class was made up of 15 students, an instructor, and building trades assistant.

"Warren Consolidated Schools is proud to be part of the State's skilled trades career shortage solution by offering CTE programs such as building trades to our students," Superintendent of Schools Superintendent Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D. said.

Due to a shortage of skilled trades careers in Michigan, Governor Snyder announced the Marshall Plan for Talent in June, funneling \$100 million this fall into Michigan's public high schools to train students for high-demand jobs over the next five years.

The Marshall Plan seeks to fill gaps in the talent pool and prepare students for future job growth by restructuring the education system to favor a new method of learning that encourages certificate-based education. Instead of relying solely on the four-year college model that does not always translate directly to high-paying careers, the Marshall Plan aims to favor more gradual, step-by-step learning that will encourage students to learn throughout their lives.

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“It is nice to see the State of Michigan finally recognizing the need to support CTE programs, the way WCS has been doing for more than 20 years at its Career Preparation Center,” Livernois said.

Four students from the 2018 Building Trades II class went on to work in the construction industry.

In addition to Building Trades, WCS offers a full range of skilled trade courses such as Collision Repair, Culinary Arts, Dental Science, Health Science, Metal Technology, Visual Imaging & Printing Technology, Robotics, Radio-Television, Web Design, plus much more.

For more information on the career pathways offered at the Career Preparation Center, visit [www.wcskids.net/cpc](http://www.wcskids.net/cpc).

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