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South Dorchester School's Focus on College and Career Readiness

The **instructional mission** of the **Dorchester County Public Schools** is to implement immediate and evident measures to improve achievement for ALL, reduce achievement gaps, and promote minority achievement by implementing strategies that result in ALL students completing their program of study. There is a deliberate focus on producing graduates who are college and career ready to compete in **today's economy**. With regard to this goal, **South Dorchester School** is very fortunate that numerous local businesses of all kinds have come forward and agreed to be partners with each class.

The idea is for each class to communicate with their **business partner** about what they are learning and the partner will then be able to share how that skill applies to the **business world**. Even learning proper social skills in Pre-kindergarten can make people more successful in the business world later in life! One of the most significant exchanges so far was the **math presentation** made by **Island Pride** to our middle school students. They learned what **profit margin** was and what it takes to achieve it, in a real business, using real products and real prices.

Mr. Frank Stout, Principal of SDS, commented, "Life and education don't get more real than that! Thank you to all of our partners and we can't wait to share our experiences!"

