

**Sauk Valley Community College  
August 28, 2023**

**Agenda Item 4.1.1**

**Topic:** Partnerships with Sterling Public Schools

**Strategic Direction:** Workforce Development – Sauk Valley Community College meets the workforce needs of the region through effective and responsive programming and services for all learners.

**Presented By:** Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

**Presentation:**

The College is proud of its many K-12 partnerships, providing both education and training opportunities to area district students and staff. In 2023, Sterling Public Schools launched a “Grow Your Own” teacher program in collaboration with SVCC’s Education and Early Childhood Education Programs. The initiative provides Sterling Public Schools non-certified staff with opportunities to pursue further education to attain teacher certification credentials. A review of the partnership will be provided.