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North Ed Career Tech Students Host Walk 4 Hunter

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Northwest Education Services (North Ed) Career Tech students are following their hearts to rally support for an alumni's fight for life. On Friday, May 13 the **Walk 4 Hunter** will kick off from Career Tech at 9:45 a.m. (AM cohorts) and at 12:45 p.m. (PM cohorts). The event is a fundraiser for 2020 North Ed Career Tech and Traverse City West Senior High graduate **Hunter Javin** who is awaiting a heart transplant.

Career Tech students, staff and the Javin family will be in attendance to take the 4-mile round-trip hike from Career Tech to Acme on the TART Trail, raising pledge money to assist the Javin family as they prepare for significant medical costs associated with the transplant process.

Hunter was a student in the Career Tech Electrical Occupations program and his sister Seryna currently attends Career Tech's Health Sciences program.

According to the family's ["New Heart for Hunter" Gofundme](#), Hunter was born with heart defects and had four open heart surgeries by the time he was 4 years old. Following his high school graduation, he was working as an electrician apprentice and his health condition was under control. However, in recent months, Hunter – now 20 years old – began experiencing severe heart failure-type symptoms and had to be airlifted twice to the hospital at University of Michigan. He then was placed on the heart transplant list.

"Career Tech is a large school, but we are a family that tries to take care of one another," said Career Tech guidance counselor Karmin Olds, who has helped organize the event. "Knowing Hunter as a past student and his sister Seryna, our student body and staff stepped up to coordinate the Walk 4 Hunter to help the family in a really challenging time."

Hunter and his parents have taken time away from work and are incurring extensive medical expenses to attend to his current medical needs and financially plan for a heart transplant.

The public is welcome to support the Walk 4 Hunter and may contact Karmin Olds with any questions at 231.922.6278 or kolds@NorthwestEd.org.

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North Ed Career Tech offers [21 programs](#) to high school juniors and seniors from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties. Students are educated in career and technical fields offering hands-on practical experiences, job shadowing, career exploration and early college opportunities, along with rigorous academic integration. For more information about North Ed Career Tech, [click here](#).