Starting October 1, as part of Manufacturing Day in Florida, over 500 students from 24 schools (four middle and 20 high schools) will participate in approximately 17 “Made in Florida” industry tours to nearly 20 high-tech manufacturing sites in Pasco & Hernando counties. The tours in Pasco-Hernando counties represent a cohesive effort between Florida TRADE at PHSC, Career Source Pasco Hernando, and the school district. Pasco and Hernando counties are set to issue countywide proclamations for Manufacturing Day as follows:

- **Sep. 22:** Hernando County Board of Commissioners MFG Day County Proclamation
  Pasco County Board of Commissioners MFG Day County Proclamation
- **Sep. 23:** Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce MFG Day County Proclamation

Hernando County School District and Pasco County School District already read their proclamations into record, with Pasco Economic Development and Career Source Pasco Hernando set to issue a proclamation as well. Additionally Career Source is hosting an industry tour for 15 “job ready” veterans on October 1.

The Made in Florida industry tours are made possible by FLATE (Florida Advanced Technological Education), the Florida-based National Science Foundation Center of Excellence, in partnership with the Manufacturers Association of Florida, Florida TRADE, and Regional Manufacturing Associations across the state which includes Florida TRADE at PHSC. The tours celebrate high-tech manufacturers across Florida, and are geared to educate/expand students’, educators’, parents’ and the community’s knowledge about STEM-based, high-tech careers & educational pathways in manufacturing in Pasco and Hernando counties & across Florida.

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