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To all interested workforce development folks - thanks for the opportunity to skim your upgraded strategic plan. Since I don't know the key policy or pivot points in the plan that may be the best input portals, so I will just share my perspectives on community building and family stability therein.

Colleagues will note my advocacy for family stability. That often includes suitable employment that offers regularity, predictability, and resilience with econ and life stressors. Family stability is the platform by which we build community, resilience to stressors like fires, ice and viruses, and the ability to raise and educate children well. Better employees, neighbors, future kinfolk. Stability and resilience are necessary to weather layoffs and market vagaries.

So I think your strategic plan gives powerful voice for vocational education, skills development, employability, and understanding market conditions. I would reinforce the 'soft skills' equally necessary to pump up individual and family stability to weather the storms of life; economic, social, health and wellness.

Soft skills or what we often call social-emotional learning are similar in content and purpose. Its about social awareness, responsible decision making, self-management etc. [See CASEL.org] that enables us to work in teams, craft family stability, build community for folks of any stripe. To develop a more perfect union in America where all folks can belong and thrive.

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Best wishes.

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From: **Brent Balog** <Brent.Balog@clackamasworkforce.org>
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Hello and Happy Friday!

I hope you are all well and staying safe and warm after the recent snow and ice storms.

Clackamas Workforce Partnership is seeking public comment on our draft Strategic plan for 2020 – 2024. Comments can be made until mid-March.

Please take a few moments to review the document, located on our website here:

<https://www.clackamasworkforce.org/reports/>

You are also encouraged to share this link with others in Clackamas County to provide comment, and of course provide your own feedback. Community input is integral information we need to ensure we are taking steps to best meet the needs of Clackamas County residents.

Thanks and take care!



Brent Balog

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