

City of Sarasota Convocation Agenda Topics

Vocational training in North Sarasota

In North Sarasota, there is a need to increase job skills that can be provided by quality technical education. The Sarasota County School Board's Suncoast Technical College provides individuals with excellent learning experiences that allow students to learn needed job skills which can be used in gaining entry level employment and also for enhancing existing employment skills.

According to the US Census 2016 American Community Survey, 23.2% of persons in the North Sarasota Census Designated Place live in poverty where the per capita income is \$20,252, and over 20% of persons age 25 and older have not graduated from high school.

The establishment of a dedicated vocation technical school branch with high school and adult technical programs is an important step to improving the economic conditions of the North Sarasota community. Quality education is a major factor in improving a community, and the Sarasota County School Board can lead the way by establishing a North Sarasota branch of Suncoast Technical College.

Administration of building inspector test

Status of achieving consensus from State College of Florida to support change in legislation to allow vocational training facilities (such as Suncoast Technical College) to administer testing for Building Inspectors.