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Fire Within, (FIRE), a leading manufacturer of mobile wood-fired ovens, is pleased to announce that one of their School Partners, North Bend High School (Oregon) has recorded a graduation rate increase of five-percent for students participating in their culinary program built around their mobile wood fired oven. The North Bend 'Blazing Bulldogs' mobile oven is run as close to a stand-alone business as the education system permits; empowering students to plan and execute the various phases associated with the running of a food business. This empowerment has made a significant difference for students at the lower end of the learning scale, those on the edge of dropping out of school, the mobile oven program not only educates students with an easily transferable life skill but as the research has shown, the graduation rates of those involved with the North Bend HS program have increased just over 5%.

"Expanding on the success and lessons learned from working with a variety of school programs like the mobile oven custom built for North Bend HS, we've gained a unique perspective on the challenges many school districts face when establishing curriculums designed to not only educate, but engage younger minds and increase graduation rates," states Ajith Dharma, CEO of Fire Within Mobile Wood Fired Ovens. He continues: "We're proud to have recently added the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute to our education partners and are fully committed to supporting their goals."

"This investment in classroom equipment has the added advantage of effectively training our students as budding entrepreneurs, giving them a head start on the intricacies of running a food-service business," states Randy Torres, Executive Director at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute.

"We've had the idea for years, but not the funding," adds Shawn Marie Warren, Coordinator of Operations at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute. She continues: "Given that we offer both Culinary, Baking, and Pastry programs here at OCCI, the oven is a win-win for both disciplines. With the popularity of wood-fired pizza here in the Pacific North West we don't think we can go wrong with a purchase such as this. It will be a piece of 'class and lab' equipment that will be used for many years."

Fire Within produces the most diverse configuration of wood fired ovens, in both <u>truck and trailer models</u>. With the increasing interest and growth of this popular food category, they produced 'Rolling In The Dough', a mobile food business-manual that was written to help eliminate the guesswork, hassles and frustrating learning curve of operating rolling/mobile restaurant. Career Trade Education (CTE) schools with Culinary & Hospitality programs can access Perkins, Pathways and other grants towards this investment.

## **About Fire Within:**

Established in 2006, Fire Within, a GSA approved contractor, design, manufacture and distribute the most diverse Mobile Pizza Ovens, Pizza Trailers & Trucks to 'pizza-preneurs' throughout the US and Canada. They also offer turnkey business solutions, accessories and countless resources to ensure success. Visit <a href="https://www.firewithin.com">www.firewithin.com</a> for more information.

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