**Welcome to the Construction Sector Newsletter​ April 2018**

**Washington DC**

In March, Kelly Fox Owner of Lumber Traders Inc. and member of the Construction Sector Partnership, traveled to Washington DC to add weight and voice to affordable housing conversations. He met with Denny Heck from the 10th District and Derek Kilmer from the 6th District to discuss supporting workforce development for the construction trades. They further addressed opportunity zones and their impact on affordable housing for the current and future workforce.

**School Outreach**

Kelly Fox, Owner of Lumber Traders Inc. and member of the Construction Sector Partnership, is dedicating one day a week coaching 5th grade students in math clubs, where he teaches practical applications of numbers and working through fractions as it relates to tape measures.  He recently introduced and discussed concepts of handling money and how averages are used in retail stores.  As he states; "This piece may seem small, but I find it to be as important as my trip to Washington DC".  Kelly's work is a direct practice of defining foundational skills that will be needed for job readiness, a mission of the Construction Sector Partnership. This type of outreach is making a difference.  Students that were struggling with math concepts are now competing in the Math Olympiad held the last weekend in April. Students are expressing how seeing these concepts on a tape measure are simplifying the concepts for them.