

# **Joint Statement**

Issued by the

Hamilton County Educational Service Center

(HCEC)

and the

Business Advisory Council representing HCEC

Governing Board and its member districts:

Deer Park City Schools

Finneytown Local Schools

Indian Hill Exempted Village Schools

Lockland City Schools

Madeira City Schools

Mariemont City Schools

Mount Healthy City Schools

North College Hill City Schools

Northwest Local Schools

Norwood City Schools

Oak Hills Local Schools

Reading City Schools

St. Bernard Elmwood Place City Schools

Three Rivers Local Schools

Winton Woods City Schools

Wyoming City Schools

# *in Accordance with the Provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.821*

## ***Purpose of the HCESC Business Advisory Council***

The Council fosters cooperation among schools, businesses, and the communities they serve to ensure the work of educators aligns with the needs of businesses. Outcomes of this cooperative effort include but are not limited to raising awareness of educators about the local labor market, promoting work-based experiences within businesses, and helping students prepare for successful learning and employment opportunities.

## ***Meetings Conducted by the Council***

So far this school year, the following meetings have taken place involving the Council or significant factions of its membership:

September 18, 2018                      December 18, 2018

February 19, 2019                      **April 17, 2019\***

\*Future meeting to be held

## **The Council's Plan and Implementation Progress**

1. Identify employment skills and curriculum that would support business development.
  - a. Work with business partners to help students make connections with businesses.
  - b. Disseminate information to school districts about potential partners.
2. Utilize resources to identify emerging trends in career opportunities in Southwest Ohio and beyond. Share regional information on job growth.
  - a. Identify resources that show economic growth and development regionally and beyond.
3. Identify business partners to support schools with career exploration or mentorship programs. Share resources with districts for potential mentorships or career exploration.
  - a. Partner with districts to provide career resources

## **Identifying Employment Skills**

The council held presentations that focused on developing an understanding of employment skills. The presentation included specific criteria for “Measuring Professional Skills.” This included looking at drug screening, attendance, timeliness, conduct, as well as employment skills inventory. The council shared with all members a rubric that could be utilized by districts.

Information was also given in regard to “Student OhioMeans-Jobs Readiness Seal.” The process was shared of how students can achieve the readiness seal and prepare for career success. Districts were encouraged to review requirements for students to achieve the OhioMeans-Jobs Readiness Seal.

## **Career Opportunities**

The council partnered with the Great Oaks Exploration Specialist to connect districts to over 132 businesses. These businesses offered mentoring and career exploration for students. Many of the districts hosted events to bring awareness to various employment fields as well as offering mentoring programs.

The Great Oaks Career Campuses also provided a catalog highlighting various fields of study for students. Most of the participating districts held field trips to explore options for their students to attend classes.

The final session for the council includes an economic update that will be shared with all districts.

## **Business Partners**

The council hosted a presentation from ADECCO. The ADECCO group helps to connect employers to students. They gave information on how to create co-ops, apprenticeships, and job placements.

All districts were given a point of contact at Great Oaks to help with career days, job fairs, and mentorships for students.

## **Business Advisory Council Recommendations**

Next year the business advisory council wishes to develop specific events/information for schools and business partners can participate. The recommendations include:

- A. District Career Days
- B. Career Fair
- C. Mentorship Opportunities for all schools
- D. Updated jobs analysis for Southwest Ohio