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Geauga County Business Advisory Council Plan

The Geauga County Business Advisory Council (BAC) includes the following members: Berkshire, Cardinal, Newbury, and West Geauga Local Schools, iSTEM Geauga Early College High School, as well as the businesses, work force development and community of Geauga County. The council is represented by businesses, school Superintendents, Geauga Growth Partnership (GGP), Higher Education, and the Geauga County Educational Service Center (ESC). The group is chaired by The Geauga County ESC Superintendent in partnership with Geauga Growth Partners.

The BAC was formed to ensure the future well-being of students, citizens, and the business community in Geauga County. The council's intent is to recognize that educational efforts involve close cooperation among schools and businesses. Decisions will be made prioritizing future employment opportunities for our students and economic stability and growth for the Geauga community. BAC serves as an advisory group that will provide updates to the Governing Board of the ESC. Members represent leaders of commercial, industrial and civic organizations. They recommend policies and guidelines to help Geauga County schools and community achieve the mission and vision identified in the BAC's Bylaws.

Purpose:

The Geauga County community relies upon strong business and education partnerships with an emphasis on a high quality educational system. Relationships between the business and educational entities in Geauga County will be enhanced by regular dialogue between business and educational leaders. The purpose of the Geauga County Business Advisory Council (BAC) is to advise and provide recommendations to the ESC Governing Board via the Superintendent on the following initiatives that are aligned with the Vision, Mission and Goals of the BAC.

- **community based service learning**
- **mentorships/internships**
- **job shadowing**
- **career counseling and exploration**
- **work based learning opportunities**
- **partnerships with schools/businesses**
- **professional development/conferences**
- **recruitment and employment opportunities for students**
- **needs assessments and data review**

Objective:

The Geauga Business Advisory Council will offer insights for students' career needs and future financial issues that may impact the work force and school districts. This process may include, but not be limited to:

- Conduct data analysis reviews, on an as needed basis, aligned to project based initiatives, etc.
- Share information about workplace behaviors and skills needed for students' success in future careers.
- Explore opportunities for internships or activities to support student academic experiences.
- Identify potential academic and financial questions and issues from the community.
- Communicate with the public about academic and financial issues.

Goals:

The goals of the Geauga County Business Advisory Council are to:

- Engage businesses and education in on-going communication;
- Strengthen the relationship between business, community and education;
- Maintain a high standard of educational excellence;
- Explore ways to increase job opportunities and internships for students;
- Create a stronger work force for the Geauga community;

Action Steps 2018-2020

- Engage educators in activities relative to businesses and community relevant to curriculum initiatives;
- Schedule tour for teachers in community with employers;
- Encourage BAC members to communicate to Chamber, Rotary, etc the work of the BAC;
- Review data in Geauga County: employment trends, school district report card data specific to prepared for success, etc.;
- Educate community on what schools are doing to prepare students for college/career;
- Analyze current job fairs offered in Geauga County and with Auburn Career Center;
- Research opportunities in community with regard to manufacturing for training and employment of students;
- Explore evidenced based opportunities to create initiatives for students in the areas of critical thinking and problem solving;
- Inventory: schools, Ohio Means Jobs, GGP, LEAF, Kent State, businesses to assess what initiatives are currently being done to review gaps, etc.;
- Collaborate with Ohio Means Jobs for a county-wide presentation for students/employers.

Business Advisory Council meeting schedule:

September 11, 2018

November 27, 2018

February 20, 2019

May 2, 2019

Geauga County ESC Governing Board meeting schedule:

September 18, 2018

October 17, 2018

November 20, 2018

December 18, 2018



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**Business Advisory Council District Participants
2018-2019 School Year**

Geauga County ESC	IRN#047159
Berkshire Local School District	IRN#047167
Cardinal Local School District	IRN#047175
Newbury Local School District	IRN#047217
West Geauga Local School District	IRN#047225
iSTEM Geauga Early College High School	IRN#015329

Superintendent Signature

Date