



Business Advisory Council

The Workforce Academy Pre-Apprenticeship Program proposal was authorized by North Central State College and the application packet has been submitted to Apprentice Ohio for review and approval. The anticipated timeline is six weeks. We are expecting approval and are planning to implement it in the fall of 2023. Under Option 1 of the Ohio Department of Education Graduation Requirements, students who do not pass Algebra I and English Language Arts II tests after a second attempt, can still graduate, but they must demonstrate competency. One approved pathway to do that is by completing a Registered Apprenticeship Program and Earning the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal. The Workforce Academy we have proposed will provide our districts with an option to contact Mid-Ohio and opt into this Pre-Apprenticeship for students who need an alternate path to graduation. The Workforce Academy is a set of 11 virtual modules that can be delivered virtually, in person or hybrid. It also includes student completion of the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal, and full day work based learning experiences in partnership with the Ohio Contractors Association.

In Demand Jobs Week took place May 1-5th. Two Business Advisory Council Events took place in Morrow and Crawford Counties. The Morrow County Career Expo served 400 freshmen and the Crestline Soft Skills & Job Fair served 80 students.

Teacher Bootcamps are being finalized for June. Teachers will showcase their learning in each respective county by June 28, 2022. Integrated Systems Technologies will reimburse teachers for bootcamp completion in Richland County and award a 3D Printer to one teacher whose lesson, project or unit best demonstrates its use.

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants

We have submitted all 21CCLC continuation grants for Galion City Schools and one new grant for Crestview Middle School. There were 218 applications submitted in Ohio and 79 21CCLC Programs ending in June across the state. Option3 Grants (middle and high schools) will receive an additional \$22,000 to specifically address chronic absenteeism, incentives and transportation. We expect to receive notices of funding in mid July.

After School & Summer Learning Grants (SPARC Council) "READY FOR HIRE"

Summer "Orientation" took place with ODE on April 27, 2023. There is a new continuation application process which must be completed by May 19, 2023. Program compliance will be greater than ever, with the first audit due on June 30th. There will be at least 12 new programmatic questions this summer alone, along with numerous data collection requirements from the University of Cincinnati. New professional development will also be required, and tracking will need to take place by individual.