



**Business Advisory Council**

I am pleased to announce that on August 28th, at 10 am, we will be receiving a generous donation of a FANUC robot at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center from Integrated Systems Technologies. This state-of-the-art robotic equipment represents a significant advancement in our ability to provide technological, hands-on training to students. The integration of this robot into our Business Advisory Council Activities will ensure we can provide FANUC credentials that prepare students for the demands of local industry. We are incredibly grateful for this contribution and look forward to the myriad of possibilities it will unlock for our Business Advisory Council.

Business Advisory Council Meeting Dates have been set for the 2024-2025 School Year. Please feel free to join us for a meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 7:30 a.m. North Central State College Crawford Success Center, Bucyrus. Additional meeting dates are set, locations are determined by speakers and businesses providing engagement with our BAC.

**“READY FOR HIRE” SPARC Council Grant**

Recently we showcased the program in Morrow County at The Tomorrow Center, where students immersed themselves in various hands-on activities this summer. By engaging in 3D printing, digital art, and photography, students not only unleashed their creativity but also honed vital soft skills like teamwork and communication, essential for careers in graphic design and technology. Gardening and cooking classes provided a tangible understanding of sustainability and the food industry, while the stained glass and 3D art classes offered insights into the arts and entrepreneurship. Field trips to parks and historical sites further broadened their practical knowledge, linking interests to potential careers. Overall, the program blended traditional learning with experiential education, equipping students with the resilience and resourcefulness needed for the modern workforce.

**21st Century Community Learning Center Grants**

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce recently announced that there will be no new grant competition for FY26. The Department called this a “pause” and has stated a rationale that includes:

- Need to train an all new 21CCLC department staff in EdSteps
- Need to align RFA with Future Forward Priorities and Evidence Based Practices
- Desire to create a tiered funding system or sanctions based on attendance
- Desire to create sanctions for deviations from the initial applications

The Ohio Afterschool Network and After School Alliance are advocating to reinstate the FY26 funds. Stay tuned for details. We have received award notices for 21CCLC Grants for Galion Elementary, Galion Middle School and Galion High School. Kalin Wilburn will again work with Galion to manage these programs at their sites.