



Business Advisory Council

Morrow County Career Expo

- The Morrow County Career Expo is scheduled for October 16, 2024 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This full day event, organized by the MOESC BAC Morrow County Action Team, provides an invaluable opportunity for over 500 Morrow County 9th graders to explore hands-on career opportunities in high-demand fields such as healthcare, skilled trades, public service, technology, and agriculture. The Career Expo connects students directly with local business leaders, giving them insight into the variety of professions available in the Morrow County community. Our goals include increasing student awareness of local career pathways, encouraging them to think about their future careers, and strengthening business-education partnerships in the region.
- **Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) Mentoring Program**
I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Richland County Foundation, Connections Fund Advisory Committee to support our High School Speech-Language Pathologist Career Mentoring Program. This funding will provide valuable resources to enhance the career mentoring experience for high school students interested in pursuing careers in speech-language pathology. The grant will allow us to expand our program offerings, including mentorship opportunities, hands-on experiences, and partnerships with local professionals in the field. This is an exciting step forward in providing students with access to meaningful career preparation and professional development.

21st Century Community Learning Center/SLAOG Grants

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs at Galion are progressing smoothly, with funds being utilized and all activities moving forward as planned. The district has been pleased with our work there this year, even highlighting that our staff has been doing a great job with communication and making everyone feel like part of the team.

I am also in the process of completing the required Federal Reports, which are due by November 1st. Looking ahead, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is exploring a new funding model based on average daily attendance for FY27. There is also an increased focus on utilizing after-school programs to address chronic absenteeism and improve school-day attendance. As the applications are reorganized for next year, we will know more details about these funds.