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Mid Ohio Educational Service Center *Director of Grants & Special Projects*

We have just completed the Business Advisory Council's third annual round of Educator Boot Camps, serving teachers and administrators from Crawford, Morrow, and Richland Counties through immersive career-connected learning. These camps continue to be a key strategy of the BAC in building the capacity of educators to understand the region's workforce development needs and goals by equipping teachers with firsthand industry insight that can be directly applied to classroom instruction. Working in close partnership with our local workforce development partners, Area 10 Workforce Development Board, Crawford Partnership and Morrow County Development Office, and businesses, we designed experiences that helped educators better understand the skills, credentials, and career paths available to their students, particularly in manufacturing and healthcare. Each Boot Camp was customized by county, with business tours, lunch-and-learn speakers, graduate content delivered online and time for teachers to design classroom lessons tied to what they learned. On the final presentation day, every participant presented their lesson to employers and administrators.

Some notable outcomes:

- Educators received 3 graduate credits from Ashland University at no personal cost, thanks to funding from the Lt. Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. Integrated Systems Technologies fully covered the remaining tuition fees for all teachers
- IST will award a 3D printer to a Morrow County teacher whose lesson showcased exemplary 3D printing integration.



In Morrow and Richland Counties, teachers also completed the Connections to Careers series from Team NEO, earning a formal "Connections to Careers Advisory Certificate" that recognizes them as career readiness influencers in their districts. This is the first time educators

have received an industry driven certificate, and the first time this content has been shared with a district and in a bootcamp! We truly did something new with this enhancement!



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Our Boot Camps deepen collaboration between education and industry. Our business partners were not only generous with their time but also intentional about communicating what students truly need to succeed, both technically and professionally. Feedback from teacher exit survey was overwhelmingly positive. Many said the Boot Camp was the most meaningful professional development they've experienced, and several have invited me to observe as they implement their lessons this fall. Looking ahead, we intend to run Teacher Boot Camps again in Summer 2026, with an even broader focus on high-demand industries beyond manufacturing. We're also planning to align future camps more closely with local student credential pathways programs.