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Mid Ohio Educational Service Center
Director of Grants & Special Projects

Business Advisory Council Update

The Business Advisory Council continues to strengthen partnerships among our schools, businesses and community leaders across Richland, Crawford and Morrow Counties. We have recently added another district to our BAC, Galion City Schools. The BAC Plan and Addendum were submitted on September 28, 2025. This is the document that the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce use to determine our yearly Star Award status. Our work focuses on three Quality Practices:

- Developing Professional Skills: helping students and educators understand the skills needed for in-demand careers.
- Building Strong Partnerships: engaging businesses, colleges, and workforce boards in meaningful collaboration.
- Coordinating Experiences: ensuring students access real-world learning like job shadowing, internships, and credential programs.

Highlights of the Plan

Recognition & Awards

- The BAC has been honored at the state and local levels, receiving recognition from the Lt. Governor, the Ohio Senate, and multiple chambers of commerce and workforce organizations for our innovative programs.

Our BAC Initiatives for 2025–2026

- Advisors from business share expertise with our educators at each meeting. An education facing resource is also provided to support our schools.
- Educator Boot Camps to give teachers direct industry exposure.
- Career Connections Pilot credentialing all staff in one district as career advisors/ambassadors.
- County Action Teams to organize locally tailored career activities.
- Workforce Academy (Pre-Apprenticeships) to provide alternate graduation pathways and job skills.
- TurboCert expansion into three counties, helping students earn industry-recognized credentials quickly.
- SLP & School Psychologist Internships addressing critical workforce shortages in schools.

These initiatives ensure that every student has the chance to explore careers, build valuable skills, and connect learning to future opportunities. The BAC's collaborative approach also supports local employers by preparing a stronger talent pipeline for the region.