



**Business Advisory Council Update**

Our work continues to unpack the Career Pathways Support Network Grant. NEO ESC did cancel the convening set for December 1st, and informed Steering Committee members that meetings could be held in January 2026, instead of by December 31, 2025. Having already scheduled our Cluster meeting for December 12, 2025, we decided to hold this meeting as a brief virtual "orientation," in order to keep our partners engaged in conversation, even though we will not have every detail at that time. I feel confident about the material we will share, that will focus on the cluster overview and the key state outcomes, as well as some context for Director Dackin's hopes for the state. Below are a few key additional updates:

- Held an initial planning meeting with NCSC, Area 10, and MOESC to prepare for December meetings.
- Expanded partner list and submitted contact list to NEO ESC
- Confirmed transition of responsibilities: Tom Prendergast handing off to Jason Tucker, Assistant Dean of Health Sciences.
- Attending/Hosting key CPSN convenings:
  - Central Ohio Steering Committee meeting – Thursday, 12/11 (Columbus)
  - MOESC Cluster Orientation – Friday, 12/12 (virtual).
  - NEO ESC Steering Committee meeting – Friday, 12/12, 2–4 p.m. (Hudson).

**Other BAC updates:**

- Submitted Richland Foundation grant report.
- Prepared to resubmit Crawford Foundation grant by 12/31 based on received feedback.
- Coordinated February BAC planning with Sunnyview Farms (planning call held; visit scheduled for January).
- Turbo Cert Programs in Crawford (24 enrolled) and Morrow Counties (projected 10 for the pilot) are preparing for Spring Semester which will begin in January.

**Bucyrus City Schools (half time):**

- Continued work with Innovative Leader's Network (Battelle)
  - Working on STEM Roadmap
  - School change management/underlying principals for school transformation
- Supported communications: [Bob's Opt Ed](#) to be published in the Telegraph Forum online Friday 12/12, in print on Sunday 12/14
- Facilitated Project Advisory Committee 12/9/25
  - Lab Tours
  - Learner's Compass
  - Press Release from PAC
  - Career Connected Learning Activity implementation meetings Jan-Feb
    - Resource bundles provided to all community leaders (Career Champions)



- Confirmed District Professional Development for February 13, 2026
  - Dr. Schlueter keynote at BHS
  - BSET Lab hands on activity
  - Debrief discussion with Daryl Young, Whirlpool re: how skills apply to BCS efforts
  - AI expert from OSU Main campus, how AI will affect careers in the majors at Marion, AI uses teachers can leverage
  - Abigail Stebbins, Design thinking /inquiry based interdisciplinary instructional practices
  - Dr. Schlueter & Makenna Laser-LMI-occupational outlook for careers linked to degrees at the branch/OSU
- Continued Administrative Team Leadership Development Series
  - 5 Dysfunctions (Disc Motivations January)
  - Learner's Compass alignment with Ohio's Quality Model for STEM Education (STEM cultural strategies)
  - Shadow of a Leader
- Strategic Build for 26-27
  - Career Advising MS-HS 26-27
    - Working on the middle and high school master schedules to establish a regular cadence of career advising time for next year
    - New library maker spaces
    - OSU Marion's psychology and sociology departments have partnered with the district to help evaluate career advising efforts, and use the data to inform change
  - 26-27 Professional Development
    - Planning with Battelle
    - Poverty Simulation (Crawford Matters)
    - STEM cultural practices
    - Inquiry based learning