



Business Advisory Council Update

Turbo Cert Morrow County Launch: We have successfully replicated the TurboCert program in Morrow County with our program launch taking place on January 9, 2026! We have 10 students enrolled in this inaugural class from 3 of our 4 Business Advisory Council school districts in Morrow County (Highland, Northmor, Cardington Lincoln Local).



Currently, we have been able to offer two pathways:

- **Fiber Optic Splicing from FBA and 5G Readiness Certification from WIA**
 - The program will utilize industry-recognized curriculum from the Fiber Broadband Association (OptIC Path™) and the Wireless and Infrastructure Association (5G Readiness). Instruction will include hands-on lab experiences and guided coursework aligned to current industry standards and credentialing requirements.
- **FANUC and /PLC certifications**
 - In FANUC/PLC training, students learn to operate, program, and troubleshoot industrial robots and Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) by mastering hardware setup, logic programming (rungs, timers, counters), communication protocols, safety, and creating/modifying robot programs using interfaces like the pendant and simulation software (ROBOGUIDE). Key skills include jogging, teaching points, implementing logic (e.g., ADD, COMPARE), integrating robots



with PLCs for automated tasks, and diagnosing faults, preparing them for roles in manufacturing automation.

Each weekly session includes a lunch-and-learn with business partners and instruction in the soft skills that align to the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal.

Career Pathways Support Network Grant. Following NEO ESC's cancellation of the December convening and the extension allowing required meetings to occur in January 2026, we proceeded with a brief virtual cluster orientation on December 12 to maintain partner engagement. The session emphasized a high-level cluster overview, key state outcomes, and alignment with Director Dackin's statewide priorities.

Since that time, additional CPSN-related activities have occurred or been scheduled. These include: participation in the NEO ESC Cluster-Steering Committee meeting held December 12 in Hudson; ongoing discussions related to the rebranding of TechCred; and early development of a loose regional action plan, with the possibility of future funding (26-27 school year) limited to Richland County. Central Ohio's CPSN meeting is scheduled for January 21, and the MOESC Cluster update will be held virtually on January 26.

Bucyrus City Schools (half time): During January, work in Bucyrus has been focused on leadership development, employer engagement, and expansion of career-connected learning opportunities. This included DiSC Drivers Administration Day on January 12, participating in the Innovative Leaders Network through Battelle, and launching Career-Connected Learning Champion meetings that will continue through January and February.

- Planning and coordination are underway with multiple regional partners to deliver spring career exploration and workforce readiness experiences. Scheduled activities include hands-on learning events with MTC (LEGO lessons and a game show format), Timken career days and JA classroom lessons, a soft skills expo with OMIG and Carter, and collaborative initiatives with the Chamber and community partners such as Take a Child to Work Day. Additional programming includes Mobile Workforce Day for middle school students, service-learning opportunities in advanced fiber with OSU-M, and Reverse Career Day events with Goodwill and NCSC. Collectively, these efforts strengthen employer partnerships and provide meaningful career exposure for students across grade levels.