



Business Advisory Council

The final Mid-Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council meeting of the 2025-2026 school year was held on April 22, 2026, at Ohio Mutual Insurance Group in Bucyrus. The meeting included Career Pathways Support Network updates, a Future of Work presentation from Tim Harmon of the Workforce Innovation Center, and a Current State of Business presentation focused on insurance careers and workforce needs. The Ohio Insurance Institute/Insuring Ohio Futures and Ohio Mutual Insurance Group shared information about financial literacy resources, insurance career pathways, internship and training opportunities, and the Certified Insurance Service Representative credential anticipated for the 2026-2027 school year. The 2026–2027 BAC meeting dates have been set for September 30, November 18, February 24, and April 21.

Career Pathways Support Network

CPSN committee work is continuing, with no major new updates to report at this time. A regional data workshop is scheduled for May 15, and the Northeast Ohio ESC is expected to share the regional plan by May 30, 2026. Although ODEW does not require the final plan until December 30, 2026, this earlier regional timeline will allow cluster planning to begin sooner. A draft of the local Cluster Plan is expected to be completed by June 30, 2026.

TurboCert

TurboCert awards and end-of-year celebrations were a major focus this month, with students recognized in both Crawford and Morrow counties for earning industry-recognized credentials through the Mid-Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council's accelerated credentialing model.

- Crawford County TurboCert Celebration
 - The Crawford County TurboCert End-of-Year Celebration was held on May 1, 2026, in partnership with the Crawford Success Center, North Central State College, and Crawford County school districts. The event recognized 23 unique high school juniors and seniors representing five of the six Crawford County school districts.
 - Students were recognized for earning credentials in the following pathways: Healthcare (Registered Phlebotomy Technician through American Medical Technologists); Information Technology (5G Readiness through the Wireless Infrastructure Association); Advanced Mobility (FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification and Small Unmanned Safety Institute Certification Level 1); Advanced Manufacturing (FANUC Handling Tool Operation & Programming and NIMS: Measurement, Materials & Safety)

The Crawford County program also celebrated strong credential outcomes this year. The program added a year-long, 32-Friday Phlebotomy Technician pathway with nine students. To date, eight of the nine students have taken the examination, and all eight have passed.

Second semester outcomes also included:

- 100% passage rate in the drone program, with six credentials earned



- 100% passage rate in the 5G Wireless Infrastructure Association program, with five credentials earned
- 100% passage rate in the FANUC Robotics program, with three credentials earned
- 100% passage rate in the NIMS Measurement, Materials & Safety program, with three credentials earned

In addition, all participating students qualified for the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council Recognized Pre-Apprenticeship Program Certificate of Completion in Manufacturing. The Crawford County TurboCert program also received support through a Crawford Community Foundation award, further strengthening the program's ability to expand access to accelerated credentialing opportunities for students.

Morrow County TurboCert Celebration

The Morrow County TurboCert End-of-Year Celebration was held on May 8, 2026, in partnership with Marion Technical College, Ashland University, and Morrow County school districts. Launched in January 2026, the Morrow County TurboCert program completed its first successful semester and served eight students representing three of Morrow County's four public school districts. Students were recognized for earning credentials in the following pathways:

Information Technology (5G Readiness through the Wireless Infrastructure Association and Fiber OptTIC Installer through the Fiber Broadband Association); Advanced Manufacturing (FANUC Robotic Arm & Allen Bradley/Rockwell Automation Programmable Logic Controller)

The first year of the Morrow County TurboCert program demonstrated strong outcomes:

- 100% passage rate in either the Fiber OptTIC Installer program, earning 12 credential points or the 5G Wireless Infrastructure Association program, earning 12 credential points
- 100% passage rate in the FANUC Robotics program, earning 6 credential points
- 100% passage rate in the Programmable Logic Controller program, earning 6 credential points

All participating students also qualified for the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council Recognized Pre-Apprenticeship Program Certificate of Completion in Manufacturing.

Planning for the 2026–2027 TurboCert program year is already underway.

Continued development, and meetings with North Central State College and others are taking place to refine programming, scheduling, and implementation for programs in Richland County and to refine programs in Crawford and Morrow counties for next school year.

Educator Business Bootcamp

Educator Business Bootcamp planning is moving into the implementation phase. The Crawford County Bootcamp will kick off on May 20. Richland and Morrow County Bootcamps will begin June 8, with business tours scheduled for June 9, 10, and 11.



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Educator presentations will take place June 16 for Richland and Morrow participants and June 17 for Crawford participants. These presentations serve as the culminating experience for teachers, who will share the lesson, unit, or project they designed as a result of their business and industry experiences.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

The 21CCLC continuation grant is due May 15, 2026. Work continues to complete the application, although there have been ongoing challenges with the state system itself. Program planning for next year is also underway. One significant area of focus will be maintaining at least 20 students in daily attendance during programming. Galion High School is also planning to offer a Monday program next year to better support student participation and program goals when Galion moves to a four day school week for students.

Bucyrus City Schools District Specific Work

Several career-connected learning and leadership initiatives took place or advanced during the month. Kindergarten and first grade students participated in a Marion Technical College STEM event on April 17. The district administrative team participated in leadership training I created and led on April 20. Planning also continued for the elementary STEM space, the Integrated Support Framework, and professional development for the 2026–2027 school year with High Tech High. The League of Innovative Schools application was submitted. Additional work continued through the Ohio STEM Learning Network, with the final meeting focused on instruction. A Learning Resource Center meeting was also held with SST7. Other Career-connected student experiences included Take a Child to Work Day on April 23, Reverse Career Fair activities on April 27 and May 4, and the elementary Soft Skills Workshop with business partners. Bucyrus was also represented at the Crawford County Chamber Dinner. Upcoming events include Mobile Workforce Day on May 12 and the OSU Marion Career Connected Service Learning Day on May 15. Six community members are expected to attend the OSU event, which will connect ninth grade students to service learning, citizenship, and community problem-solving.