



**Business Advisory Council**

Teacher Bootcamp orientations have now been completed in all three counties, and participants are currently engaged in the summer tour experiences. Interest in the program continues to grow, with 30 educators participating this year—the highest enrollment in the history of the initiative. This record participation reflects the increasing value educators and districts place on strengthening connections between classroom instruction and regional workforce opportunities.

Throughout the summer, participants will visit local businesses and industries to gain firsthand insight into in-demand careers, workplace expectations, emerging technologies, and the skills employers are seeking in today's workforce. These experiences help teachers make meaningful connections between academic content and real-world applications, ultimately enhancing career awareness and relevance for students.

In addition, I was able to secure an industry partner once again this summer to reimburse participants for the \$125 registration fee upon successful completion of the program. As a result, educators who complete the experience will earn three graduate credit hours through Ashland University at no personal cost. This continued investment from our business community demonstrates the strong commitment our regional employers have to supporting educators and strengthening the future workforce pipeline.

The program will conclude with final participant presentations during the week of June 15, 2026. During these sessions, educators will share what they learned from their experiences and discuss how they plan to integrate workforce connections, career awareness, and industry insights into their classrooms. We are grateful to our business partners, Ashland University, and participating districts for their continued support of this impactful professional learning opportunity.

**Transition Planning**

Meetings with Casie Grau have begun to support her new role at Mid Ohio ESC starting August 1st. We are focusing on a successful BAC meeting in September, as well as the BAC Plan submission, Turbo Cert Programs, personnel and Career Pathways Support Network. I have also built a schedule for her to attend bootcamp orientations and tours, focusing on helping her build relationships in Richland and Morrow Counties since she already has strong ties in Crawford County. We will continue to meet regularly over the summer to help prepare her for the fall.

**Bucyrus City Schools District Specific Work**

Transition planning meetings are also underway with the administration at Bucyrus City Schools. Planning for administrative meetings in content and structure, professional development and partnerships is underway, and will continue throughout the summer. Meetings regarding trades



## **Board Update 6.9.26**

**Mid Ohio Educational Service Center**  
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programs, a unique United Way partnership, and I attended the Ohio STEM Learning Network summer conference this week,