

Ashtabula County Business Advisory Committee Joint Statement 2018-2019

The Ashtabula County school districts' Business Advisory Council represents all of the county school districts. In the spring of 2018, each of the county school districts developed and board approved an agreement to have the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center facilitate and lead the committee activities. Documentation of our plan, bylaws, activities, meeting minutes are found on the ESC website: (www.ashtabulaesc.org).

August 2018: The committee was established and developed their plan and corresponding bylaws.

September 14, 2018: The committee reviewed and approved the plan and bylaws and the documents were uploaded into the ODE database. The committee agreed and established the meeting dates and course of action for the first year. We reviewed our current members and determined some additional members that would add value to our committee. We invited those additional members to our next meeting. Please see the attached minutes and agenda for activities.

November 30, 2018: The committee met and established the next steps for the goals of the committee. One of our members, Mr. Sernik, approved a handout and conducted a presentation on *The Future of Workforce*. The presentation addressed a gap analysis area developed by data collected by NEO. The report is largely based on differences between education and employment in northeast Ohio. This report and information should assist us as we move forward with developing our strategies to meet our plan. The hope is to help direct and align the student population toward the in-demand workforce needs and gaps. Mr. Sernik discussed the 4 "E"s: Education, Employment, Enlistment, Entrepreneurship. The committee also reviewed a draft list of current activities that are being completed now in the school districts with regard to business outreach and career based activities. Based on this information, the committee invited specific community members conducting relevant activities to attend the next meeting to present information on their activities (see attached minutes and agenda for activities). The activity list will be continued to be updated as information is gathered with regard to our current activities. Once the activities are determined, a needs and gaps analysis will be conducted to determine our next steps.

December 2018: The ACESC provided a resource space on their website for the Business Advisory Committee. The information, activities, minutes, bylaws, and plan were uploaded onto the website (www.ashtabulaesc.org).

February 15, 2019: The committee met and listened to presentations from three community resources: College ACCESS, Junior Achievement, and Youth Opportunities Program. The committee also reviewed and discussed a draft of the Joint Statement. We will continue to update our activity list as information is gathered with regard to our current activities. Once the activities are determined, a needs and gaps analysis will be conducted to determine our next steps.

Our next meeting will be held on May 17, 2019. At that time we will determine our next school year meeting schedule.