

**Business Advisory Council Joint Statement** JOINT STATEMENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY MARCH 1, 2025

Each business advisory council and its school board shall file a joint statement, not later than the first day of March of each school year, describing how the school district or service center and its business advisory council has fulfilled their responsibilities pursuant to this section and section 3313.82 of the Revised Code.

NAME OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL: Madison County-Tolles Business Advisory Council

PRIMARY CONTACT: Mary Mitchell, Superintendent, Madison-Champaign ESC

**SECONDARY CONTACT:** Todd Hoadly, Superintendent, Tolles Career & Technical Center 1. Are there any changes to your Business Advisory Councils' structure or leadership since you submitted your plan for this academic year?

No changes have been made to the plan submitted for the 2024-25 school year

2. Of goals submitted in your 2024-25 Business Advisory Council Plan, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being goals accomplished. What goals were you able to accomplish?

The Madison County- Tolles BAC is on track to meet all of the goals set forth in the 2024-25 Business Advisory Council Plan, giving it a score of 8 on a scale of 1-10.







**Goal 1: Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers** The BAC will increase opportunities for collaboration between schools and business to identify the employment skills most critical to business and industry and the development of curriculum and instructional opportunities to teach these skills.

Collaboration between schools and businesses has been steadily growing, creating more opportunities for students to gain valuable skills. During the BAC meetings on October 10, 2024, and January 9, 2025, members identified and discussed the key skills students need to develop as they transition into the workforce. These discussions highlighted the importance of both technical and soft skills, such as communication, problem-solving, and adaptability. The BAC also explored ways in which schools can integrate these skills into their curriculum to better prepare students for future careers. Additionally, the group focused on expanding opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience through internships, which would allow them to build employability skills in a real-world setting. Networking among BAC members has continued to create valuable connections, opening doors to new opportunities for students, including mentorships and job placements.

**Goal 2: Build Partnerships** The BAC will grow partnerships in alignment with in-demand careers in the community by increasing collaboration between schools, Ohio Means Jobs and other county agencies, and local industries and businesses.

The BAC is actively working to expand partnerships that align with in-demand careers in the community, fostering deeper collaboration between schools, Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ), county agencies, and local businesses. Through continued efforts, the BAC has seen an increase in business participation, which is enhancing partnerships between schools and districts focused on key industries with high workforce demand. Ohio Means Jobs and the Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) remain vital members of the BAC, sharing valuable information about their services at each meeting. These updates include details on programs like the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP), which helps connect students to career pathways and support







services. The January 2025 meeting specifically focused on the building trades, with a spotlight on carpentry and electrical work, providing insights into opportunities in these fields. This focus on high-demand sectors allows the BAC to better equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the workforce.

**Goal 3: Coordinate Experiences** The BAC will increase partnerships between schools and businesses & industry in order to provide students with experiential learning opportunities.

The BAC is working to increase partnerships between schools and local businesses to provide students with more experiential learning opportunities. A key focus is on expanding internship opportunities, allowing students to gain hands-on experience in their chosen fields. Additionally, job shadowing opportunities are being enhanced, giving students the chance to observe professionals in action and make more informed career choices. By building stronger connections with businesses, the BAC aims to create a pipeline of opportunities that bridges the gap between classroom learning and real-world application, boosting students' employability but also providing businesses with a chance to mentor and develop future talent.

**3. What new partnerships have your Business Advisory Council formed for the SY24?** New partners joining the BAC since September 2024 are: Area Energy & Electric, ISC, Romanoff Electric, Builders Exchange, Sprint Electric Inc, Casa Enterprises, KEP Electric, Madison County Public Health, Prater Engineering, ABC Central Ohio Chapter, Berry Digital Communications

4. Have you added or removed any goals submitted in your SY24 Business Advisory Council Plans? If so, please provide details.

No goals have been added or removed from the BAC plan.

## 5. Have you received any media coverage or participated in any case studies as a Business Advisory Council? If so, please share.

The BAC has not received any media coverage or participated in any case studies



