

Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Clinton-Fayette County Business Advisory Council Joint Statement

According to state law, the advisory council and its district board or ESC governing board should issue a joint statement by March 1 each year. This statement should report progress on work they outlined in the council's plan for that year, summarize actions taken and actions pending, and specify how the council and board have fulfilled their respective responsibilities under the law. At a minimum, the joint statement should reference:

- Meetings conducted by the council;
- The council's plan and implementation progress;
- Brief summaries of specific activities the council conducted;
- The nature of the council's advice and recommendations, if any, on needed employment skills and curriculum development to instill those skills;
- The nature of the council's advice and recommendations, if any, on economic and job market changes and the types of employment in which future jobs are most likely to be available;
- The nature of the council's advice and suggestions, if any, for developing working relationships among businesses, labor organizations, and educational personnel.

A school district board or ESC governing board might consider creating a webpage dedicated to the business advisory council's work the page would be an ideal location to post the joint statement on how the business advisory council has fulfilled its responsibilities, as well as a place to share the business advisory council information and its recommendations to the board, students, staff, and community.

Membership:

Public school districts and Career Technical Centers in Clinton and Fayette Counties have chosen to align with the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Business Advisory Council. The district include the following:

- Blanchester Local School District
- Clinton-Massie Local School District
- East Clinton Local School District
- Miami Trace Local School District
- Laurel Oaks Career Campus
- Washington Court House City School District
- Wilmington City School District
- Southern Ohio Educational Service Center

2019-2020 Meetings Conducted the Business Advisory Council

- September 20, 2019
- November 15, 2019
- February 21, 2020
- May 1, 2020

Additional subcommittee work group meetings held on the following dates:

- February 19, 2020
- March 3, 2020
- April 9, 2020
- May 6, 2020

The Council's Plan and Implementation Progress

The mission of the Southern Ohio ESC, Clinton-Fayette Business Advisory Council is to plan and execute tangible activities to directly impact student's knowledge of the current and future job market and improve their employability skills. The group believes sharing information regarding local businesses via social media will be beneficial to the youth and adults in the communities this BAC serves. This social media sight will highlight businesses through video and provide employment opportunities.

Brief Summaries of Specific Activities the Council Conducted

To address needs in the community and to help provide opportunities for community youth, the Clinton-Fayette Business Advisory Council is working on two projects aligned with the mission of the council.

The first tangible activity is the planning and execution of a Jobs/Career Community Fair in one of the area high schools May 6, 2020. The Business Advisory Council is partnering with the Clinton and Fayette Chambers of Commerce, the local Ohio Means Jobs agency, and area school districts to plan and lead this community event. High school students will have an opportunity to learn about both short-term job openings and career paths available in local business and industry. Families and members of the community will also be invited to meet with area employers to learn about current and future local job and career opportunities.

The second tangible activity of the Clinton-Fayette Business Advisory Council is a video production/virtual tour of area businesses and introduction of employment opportunities available within the community through recorded video interviews with members of local employers. The council is currently working on a Facebook social media page to highlight area businesses and to curate a library of online virtual tours and video interviews with prospective employers in the communities served by the Clinton-Fayette Business Advisory Council.

The Nature of the Council's Advice and Recommendations, if any, on Needed Employment Skills and Curriculum Development to Instill Those Skills

The recommendation is to have school districts provide time at school for the development of resumes and to learn proper interview techniques and etiquette.

The Nature of the Council's Advice and Recommendations, if any, on Economic and Job Market Changes and the Types of Employment in Which Future Jobs are Most Likely to be Available

The BAC will continue to have close collaboration with the Chambers of Commerce, Ohio Means Jobs and Economic Development agencies as they plan for community employment opportunities and growth. The BAC will then use this information for future planning of activities to inform the students, develop training programs and work with schools to increase the student's skillsets to meet the needs of these future jobs.

The Nature of the Council's Advice and Suggestions, if any, for Developing Working Relationships Among Businesses, Labor Organizations, and Educational Personnel

The BAC will continue to have close collaboration with the Chambers of Commerce, Ohio Means Jobs and Economic Development agencies to stay abreast of upcoming employment opportunities. The BAC will use this information when developing future plans for activities in the community.