



# Business Advisory Councils

## 2023-2024 Plan



### Miami County Educational Service Center Business Advisory Council

List all member districts Represented by the Business Advisory Council:

District	District Primary Contact and Role	Primary Contact Email	District Secondary Contact and Role
Bethel Local Schools	Matt Chrispin, Superintendent	chrispinm@blsk12.org	
Bradford Exempted Village School District	Joe Hurst, Superintendent	jhurst@bradford.k12.oh.us	
Covington Exempted Village School District	Dr. Joseph Hoelzle, Superintendent	hoelzlej@covingtonk12.org	
Miami East Local School District	Eric Hughes, Superintendent	ehughes@miamieast.k12.oh.us	
Milton-Union Exempted Village School District	Dr. Brad Ritchey, Superintendent	ritcheyb@muschools.com	
Newton Local School District	Danielle Davis, Superintendent	danielle_davis@newton.k12.oh.us	
Tipp City Exempted Village School District	Aaron Moran, Superintendent	amoran@tippcity.k12.oh.us	
Troy City School District	Chris Piper, Superintendent	piper-c@troy.k12.oh.us	

List business advisory council leads (both business and education). List industries represented on the business advisory council based on [Ohio's Top Jobs](#) classification. Include workforce boards, economic development, higher education and community partners.

Business Advisory Council Member	Title	Business Name	Industry
David Larson	Superintendent	Miami County ESC	education
Jay Borchers	Curriculum Director	Miami County ESC	education
Liz Sonnanstine	CC Coordinator	Miami County ESC	education
Kristi Voisard	CC Support	Miami County ESC	education
Jason Haak	Superintendent	Upper Valley Career Center	education
Michelle Brunson	Executive Director	Upper Valley Career Center	education
Dr. Nick Weldy	Superintendent	Miami Valley CTC	education
Scott Bloom	Curriculum Director	Piqua City Schools	education
Chris Spradlin	President / CEO	Edison State Comm College	education
Deb Holthaus	Tech Prep Regional Coordinator	Edison State Comm College	education
Michael Clarey	Administrator	Miami County CIC	government
April Vanover	Workforce Dev & Comm Outreach Mgr	FASTLANE, UDRI	education
Angelia Erbaugh	Executive Director	DRMA	manufacturing
Kathy Sherman	President	Piqua Chamber	business services
Kathi Roetter	Executive Director	Troy Chamber	business services
Joseph Graves	President / CEO	Troy Development Council	economic development
Chris Schmiesing	Com & ED Director	Grow Piqua Now	economic development
Kyle Hinkelman	Village Administrator	Village of Covington	economic development
Michael van Haaren	Board member	Miami County ESC	manufacturing
Myrna Yoder	Board member	Miami County ESC	education
Chris Haines	President & CEO	Marias Technology	technology
Cindy Frantz	Recruitment/Community Relations	Scott Family McDonalds	food service
Greg Fetters	Senior Manager	Nitto	manufacturing
Steve Staub	President / CEO	Staub Manufacturing	manufacturing
Kevin Cox	Managing Partner	Royal Crest Agency	insurance
Sharon Brulport	Supervisor	Ohio Dept Job & Family Services	government
Jeff Reed	IT Operations Manager	Hobart Service	technology
Trisha Wackler	Chief Nursing Officer	Premier Health	healthcare
Michael Brendel	President	Kettering Health	healthcare
Melissa Cutcher	Director	Technology First	technology
Brian Green	Superintendent	MC Board of DD (Riverside)	education
Becky Snell	Director	MC Board of DD (Riverside)	education
Rebekah Holly	Case Manager	MC Board of DD (Riverside)	education
Julie Millhouse	Career Tech Educator	Miami East Schools	education
		Tipp City Chamber	business services
		Clopay	manufacturing

## Schedule of Meetings

Planning meetings for the (Academic Year) school year include:

Quarter 1 Meeting: Sept 27, 2023	Quarter 2: Nov 15, 2023
Quarter 3 Meeting: Jan 24, 2024	Quarter 4: Mar 27, 2024

**Business Advisory Council Mission Statement:**

*The Miami County Business Advisory Council, in partnership with Miami County schools, the Miami County Educational Service Center (ESC), local businesses, and area partners will assist in the assessment of workforce needs and employability skills for student success in the regional economy.*

**BAC Responsibilities:**

1. Advise districts on changes in the economy and/or job market to proactively address any areas in which future jobs are most likely to be available.
2. Advocate for the employment skills most critical to business and industry and the development of curriculum to teach these skills.
3. Aid and support districts by offering suggestions for developing a working relationship among businesses, educators and students.

**Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recommends the Business Advisory councils operate under three quality practices:**

1. **Develop Professional Skills for Future Careers (DPS)**
2. **Build Partnerships (BP)**
3. **Coordinate Experiences (CE)**

**Initiatives - Recently Completed**

1. Completed Industry Educator Tours in local Manufacturing businesses in both June 2022 and June 2023. **(DPS, BP)**
  - 12 businesses hosted tours and over 50 teachers / administrators attended.
2. Hired staff to execute the mission of the Business Advisory Council. **(DPS, BP, CE)**
  - The Career Connections Coordinator and Career Connections Support were hired on Sept 5, 2023.
  - The Career Connection team's main goal is to be a source to navigate and build a bridge for student career readiness in Miami County.

**Initiatives - Current / On-Going**

1. Gathering data on the school districts countywide regarding students served, opportunities available, and tools used to assist with career readiness within grade levels K-12. Complete a school data collection profile to find similarities and opportunities for support. **(CE)**
  - By September 29, Career Connections team has been to 7 of 12 educational institutions engaged in the Miami County Business Advisory Council
2. Research and evaluate screeners for evaluating aptitude and career opportunities for students. **(DPS)**
  - Discuss the use of tools in districts including Ohio Means Jobs, YouScience, Xello, etc. as options for tracking student metrics over time.

3. Connecting with Business Advisory Council partnerships in the Miami Valley and throughout Ohio, including, but not limited to, Shelby County (Workforce Partnership), Piqua City Schools, Preble County, Montgomery County, etc. **(BP)**
4. Continue offering Industry Educator Tours for teachers and administration to engage them in real-life work experiences. **(BP)**

### **Initiatives - Forthcoming**

1. Meet with businesses that are active within the Business Advisory Council. Complete a business data collection profile which will help us understand what engaging career ready opportunities they can provide. **(BP)**
  - Evaluate the business industries currently present on the BAC to be certain all in demand jobs are represented.
2. Meet with county / city officials (specifically in economic development), chambers of commerce, and other community leaders who can support the impact of the BAC initiatives. **(BP)**
  - Attend the events on Manufacturing Day to assess the value and impact for these events on our students and businesses.
3. Determine what programming, events, or resources are needed for the Miami County area to immediately impact school districts and employers directly focused on supporting the career-readiness initiative. **(CE)**
  - Understanding the role of a career navigator and the individual impact on this resource for students.

### **Partnerships**

Troy Christian Schools  
Sinclair  
SOCHE  
Workforce Partnership of Shelby County  
Montgomery County ESC  
Preble County ESC  
Ohio Science Academy

Abbott  
Concrete Sealants  
Crown  
SEW Eurodrive  
Freudenberg NOK  
Precision Strip  
Harmony Systems  
Crayex Corp  
Evenflo  
Crane Pumps  
Hartzell