



2021-22 PLAN for Greene County ESC Business Advisory Council (BAC)

Mission Statement: The Greene County Business Advisory Council, in partnership with Greene County schools and businesses, will assist in the assessment of workforce needs and employability skills for student success in the regional economy. (The GCESC BAC developed this Mission Statement in Fall 2017.)

The BAC Responsibilities:

- 1. To advise the districts on changes in the economy and job market and the area in which future jobs are most likely to be available.**
- 2. To advocate for the employment skills most critical to business and industry and the development of curriculum to teach these skills.**
- 3. To aid and support districts by offering suggestions for developing a working relationship among businesses, labor organizations, and educators.**

Membership:

All Public School Districts in Greene County have aligned with the GCESC BAC.

**Beavercreek City School District
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local School District
Cedar Cliff Local School District
Fairborn City School District
Greeneview Local School District
Greene County Career Center
Xenia City School District
Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District**

*The BAC will meet on the following dates and times during the **2021-22** school year:*

October 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM, FULL COUNCIL
December 8, 2021 at 9:00 AM, FULL COUNCIL
February 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM, FULL COUNCIL
June 9, 2022 at 9:30 AM (BOARD Meeting)

All districts have a Superintendent or a Designee(s) or both as members on the BAC. GCESC Board Members are also members of the BAC. Business and community members include but are not limited to the following—Attorney, Realtor, Chamber of Commerce member, Director of Economic Development, Public Health Commissioner, Business Owners, District Board Members, School Counselors, College Administrators and Representatives, Foundation Director, WPAFB Liaison, Military Representative, Adult Disability Agency Representative, and a Representative from the Greene County Division of *OhioMeansJobs*, Dayton Regional Manufacturing Association (DRMA) Representative, and others. The group has determined that new members will be added as deemed appropriate. There are no set term limits as the team wants members to continue on so that relationships and partnerships can be built over time. Current members represent all of the school district locales in Greene County. There are also regional members in the group. Since the group's inception, the council has continued to evolve in order to meet the needs of our schools, our students.

Highlights for the 2020-21 School Year:

The BAC met four times during the 2020-21 school year. Due to the pandemic, some meetings were held virtually and some were held in person. The BAC covered many topics over the course of the year regarding opportunities for students to gain access to career information through an array of resources including DRMA, OhioMeansJobs, Sinclair Workforce Development, Naviance or YouScience at the HS level. The Project LIFE program—in its first year in Greene County—was presented and is now available for Super Seniors (Students with Disabilities who remain in school after their “graduation from HS”). The Council met in-person (Oct./Dec. 2020) and virtually (Feb. 2021) and in-person in June 2021.

Plans for the BAC for the 2021-22 School Year:

- Ensure that each district superintendent receives updates to share with their district boards. This will come from the GCESC Superintendent after each BAC meeting.
- Each district has been asked to invite High and Middle School Principals and/or, School Counselors.
- The BAC may investigate the work of other BACs in the state to determine what they may glean from the work those BACs are doing in the state of Ohio.
- Ensure that the BAC prepares its joint statement to ODE at its February meeting so that it can be submitted to ODE by the required date of March 1st.
- Review BAC Timelines per Ohio Department of Education.
- The GCESC will post the dates for the BAC meetings following Sunshine Law rules.
- The BAC will work together to determine how to best meet the spirit of the law and continue to work on the three key responsibilities of the group.
- Find ways to have DRMA and other agencies “push in” to the schools so that students can have individualized meetings and conferences with employers and workers in various career fields.
- Continue to bring in members who can bridge gaps between schools, students, business and industry.
- Continue to bring in members who represent universities and colleges in the area.
- Continue to bring in members who represent agencies who can support students as they transition into life after high school.
- BAC will continue to post info to link on GCESC website—meeting agendas and resources are posted.
- Determine the needs of each district to find ways to support their specific needs through partnerships and resources.
- The BAC will discuss how to strengthen Business & Education Partnerships.
- For this year, BAC will continue to work to find ways to meet needs of districts during a pandemic. The group will discuss this in more depth at the first meeting in October 2021.
- The BAC will receive updates from Project LIFE which is in its second year and is located at Wright State University’s campus.
- The BAC will review the Planning Template for BACs and determine what and how they want to plan for the school year.