

Auglaize County Educational Service Center Business Advisory Council Mid-Year Statement

As required by law, the following bulleted statements are intended to describe how the Auglaize County ESC and its member districts, in conjunction with Shelly Busse, Executive Director for the Auglaize Mercer Business and Education Alliance, better known as AMBE have worked and will continue to work to meet the responsibilities outline in our BAC Plan.

Currently Twelve Auglaize and Mercer County schools as well as both county ESCs collaborate with AMBE and its roughly thirty-seven local businesses.

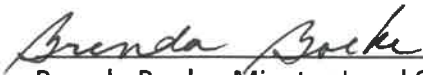
- Shelly Busse, AMBE Executive Director has met twice with our local superintendents, since August, to provide an update on the work of AMBE and its impact on our member school students.
- Shelly Busse, AMBE Executive Director has met twice with the Auglaize County Educational Service Center's Governing Board of Education to provide similar updates to those shared with our member school superintendents.
- In early October, AMBE, with guidance from administrative personnel at both the Auglaize County ESC and the Mercer County ESC held its second annual Inspire Career Concert. The purpose of the event was to focus senior students to advocate for themselves and to ponder, "What's next" as they interacted with local business officials in our area.
- Several meetings have been held in preparation for the annual Talent Connection forum to be held March 4 and 5. Key personnel from both AMBE, Mercer County Economic Develop Department and leadership from Auglaize and Mercer County ESCs continue work on the organizational aspect of the event. This event focuses on current juniors in our two county area as well as a select group of seniors who may still benefit from additional career exploration. The event is a collaborative effort between the schools and businesses. Student select three potential career paths to investigate. The businesses provide current employees to guide discussion and answer questions.

- With the urging and financial support of the Auglaize County Commissioners, Workforce Development Initiative core group been established to determine local workforce needs now and in the foreseeable future as well as how to secure the human capital to meet those needs.
- Shelly Busse, with the support of our member school districts will be providing Summer Teacher Tours. These are scheduled tours of local businesses. These tours have been a huge success in the past. It provides teachers opportunities to gain a better understanding of potential careers for their student right in their own back yards.

Sincerely yours,



Shawn Brown, Auglaize County ESC Superintendent



Brenda Boeke, Minster Local Schools Superintendent



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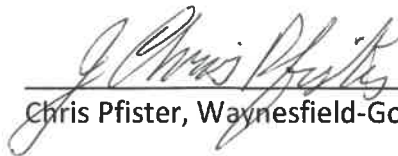
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