**Hancock County Business Advisory Council Plan**

For

**2020-2021**

**Goal**

To assist in building a viable and productive relationship between the schools and the business community in Hancock County through increased awareness, cooperation, and involvement.

**Objectives**

To address the existing requirements in state law, the primary objectives of the Hancock County Business Advisory Council are to focus on accomplishing three main tasks; and if appropriate, make pertinent recommendations based on these efforts. These three principal areas of emphasis are as follows:

1. To explore and expand the existing relationships that exist between business, labor, and educational personnel in Hancock County, with particular emphasis on the Raise-The-Bar initiative.
2. To investigate the current and projected changes in the economy and job market in Hancock County, with specific assistance from Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development.
3. To examine employment skills and related curricula that develop these skills, with reliance upon the Millstream Career Center and Owens Community College.

**Action Steps**

During its third year of operation, the Hancock County Business Advisory Council will attempt to make progress on the following action steps:

1. To meet regularly with a prescribed agenda developed by the BAC members at the preceding meeting.
2. To keep the Hancock County ESC Governing Board informed of, and involved in, the actions of the Hancock County BAC by having one member of the Hancock County ESC Governing Board as an official member of the Hancock County BAC; and in turn acting as a liaison between these two groups to promote this participation.

(3) To analyze data, needs assessments, and other pertinent information regarding the local job market, as well as how the development of student skills correlates with these current and forecasted employment needs.

(4) To explore, and participate in when advisable, local business events, activities and programs that are conducted in the community, such as job fairs, job shadowing, internships, student mentoring/tutoring programs, career counseling/exploration, and promoting a drug-free workplace.

(5) To understand the value of the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal and to become involved in the mentoring process where applicable.

(6) To review educational resources that are being used in the schools to cultivate business competencies, and to highlight those curriculum materials that are identified as particularly relevant.

(7) To periodically invite guest presenters to the BAC meetings in order to enhance topics being considered through firsthand involvement.

(8) To share information of interest with other business and education groups that has been gathered through the BAC meetings; and in turn, attempt to foster cooperation and collaboration with all of these entities.

(9) To maintain flexibility to promptly address items of interest that are raised by BAC members, as well as members of the business and education communities.

**Evaluation of Outcomes**

Each meeting will focus on one or more of the previous objectives. Actions that are taken to address these objectives will be so noted in the Minutes of the meeting. At the conclusion of the BAC meeting-year, a summary of what has been accomplished by the Hancock County Business Advisory Council will be shared with school districts that are members of the BAC for distribution to their constituents.