

Business Advisory Council Joint Statement  
2022-2023 School Year

The Apollo Career Center represents all Allen County public schools and is the representative agency for the Business Advisory Council. The following schools are represented:

Apollo Career Center | Allen County ESC | Allen East Local Schools | Bath Local Schools | Bluffton Exempted Village Schools  
Delphos City Schools | Elida Local Schools | Lima City Schools | Perry Local Schools  
Shawnee Local Schools | Spencerville Local Schools

The Business Advisory Council (BAC) has superintendent representatives from each school district listed above.

Our plans include:

Our primary objective this year is to support the planning of the MakerFest event. MakerFest was historically a career exposition with contests focused on juniors and seniors. This event brought in more than 1,400 students to meet and interact with various businesses. COVID-19 eliminated MakerFest and the sponsoring organization has now handed the duties over to representatives from the Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG), our countywide economic development organization. Our BAC will be heavily involved in this initiative. The new MakerFest is scheduled for October 12-13, 2023. The event will focus on freshman and sophomore students from all the schools listed above in addition to other regional schools. The event focus will be on hands-on activities for the participants.

1. We want to continue to promote networking between school and business officials. Our new approach will be for individual businesses to get in front of superintendents and school personnel. The first attempt was on February 1, 2023, when representatives from Procter and Gamble spoke to our group. We will continue to try to develop these meetings.
2. The BAC is working with the Allen County Educational Service Center to host its second annual college fair on March 8, 2023.
3. We have scheduled a superintendents-only tour on March 31 with Nutrien, a large employer in the area.
4. We have scheduled a 1-day educator boot camp on April 27th with two local industries.
5. The BAC is supporting a job fair sponsored by OhioMeansJobs of Allen County. This is scheduled to take place on May 9, 2023, and will be the second countywide job fair that the BAC supports with respect to communication and facilitation.
6. We are attempting to schedule a week-long educator boot camp for the summer of 2023. With the support and assistance from the Lt. Governor's office, 15 educators will be able to earn college credit for taking part in this initiative.
7. The steering committee will continue to work towards developing effective/beneficial activities and will continue to consider other initiatives that may be beneficial to the Business Advisory Council.