

The meeting speaker was MAGNET of Stark County (the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network). The following was reported out on the Manufacturing Day in Stark County:

#MadeInStark day was October 6 and through the Stark County Manufacturing Workforce Development Partnership (SCMWP)

- Planning meetings commenced September 20 for an October 6 event and were by zoom once a week and typically lasted ½ hour. The planning committee included the schools, companies, and volunteers and were facilitated by the Chamber.
- The State Manufacturing Extension Partnership provided free T-Shirts for every participating student
- The SCMWDP purchased string backpacks for every participating student and special **#MadeInStark** shirts for teachers and volunteers accompanying the students.
- Companies provided their own giveaways and provided lunch for their group of 40-20 students
- Jay Moody from the Stark Education Partnership developed the draft and final schedules that matched and accommodated the schools and tours.
- Each school district toured a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 plants.
- Volunteers from organizations that support manufacturing rode the busses and gave students facts and figures about Stark County, NE Ohio and Ohio manufacturing jobs and careers
- Companies made their younger staff available to discuss with the students how they entered a manufacturing career pathway and how they have advanced
- Seven School Districts participated, which was approximately 250 junior and senior students.
 - Alliance
 - Fairless
 - Louisville
 - Minerva
 - Sandy Valley
 - East Canton
 - Canton City
- Fifteen companies welcomed students, gave tours and discussed career pathways in their manufacturing operations.
 - Quickdraft
 - Powell Electrical Systems
 - Coastal Pet
 - Ohio Gratings
 - Lindsay Precast
 - Hendrickson International - Navarre
 - Miller Weldmaster
 - H-P Products
 - Midlake Products

- PTC Alliance
- Stark Industrial
- Fresh Mark Canton
- Fresh Mark Massillon
- MAC Trailer
- MK Morse
- Certificates of participation were made available for every student.
- Certificates for contact hours for professional development were made available for every teacher that accompanied the students (typically 2 teachers per bus)
- **#MadeInStark** flooded social media through the participating companies and the SCMWD.
- Initial feedback from the students, teachers and companies was very positive. Comments from post event surveys included a request to run a similar event in the spring, convene the students at Stark State as a send off for the next event, engage a manufacturing career speaker (Andrew Crowe) at the next event, and hold a manufacturing career expo in the spring.

