## **Guardrail**

# 4. Ensure high-quality community engagement with all stakeholders.

### **Priority Strategy A:**

Build mutually beneficial and engaging partnerships with the broader community to increase the number of active partners, volunteers, and mentors.

### **Description:**

Active collaboration with business and community organizations will provide resources and opportunities that enhance the educational experiences of students and staff in Volusia County Schools. These relationships will result in unique learning opportunities to maximize student achievement and create positive experiences for all stakeholders.

#### **Activities:**

- 1. Build mutually beneficial and engaging partnerships.
- 2. Increase the number of active volunteers.
- 3. Revise and rebuild the school-based mentor program to improve mentor recruitment and retention.

#### Rationale:

By strengthening partnerships with the community, we will improve school culture and create learning experiences for students. Engaging the community will bring more people into the schools to build broad support for the public school system, while also having a positive economic impact.