

Business Advisory Council Policy Agenda

The Montgomery County Business Advisory Council has established an ambitious policy agenda that aligns with the work of other educational and business partners across the state of Ohio. The recommendations focus on workforce requirements for programs and practices that need to be sustained or in place to meet the current regional workforce demands and to ensure that the Dayton area has the workforce that is necessary for next-generation jobs.

Goal I: Ensure that Montgomery County increases reading proficiency rates for ALL students

Policy Focus: Science of Reading

Strategy 1: Monitor the teacher preparation programs that provide the majority of teachers to Montgomery County schools to ensure that teacher candidates have a firm grounding on the Science of Reading...request the results of the reading program audits being conducted by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Strategy 2: Monitor the passage rates of area higher education institutions relative to teacher candidate performance on the elementary reading licensure test.

Strategy 3: Monitor, in collaboration with the Montgomery County Educational Service Center, the work of area schools to select, secure, and use a high-quality reading curriculum.

Goal II: Work with the Montgomery County Educational Service Center to ensure that workforce pathways to help students achieve their career goals are in place.

Policy Focus: Career Pathways

Strategy 1: Work with Montgomery County Educational Service Center to fully implement the career pathways that have been designed for selected in-demand career areas (e.g., Advanced Manufacturing, IT/CS, Health Science, Business and Management, Aviation and Aerospace, and Elementary Education).

Strategy 2: Monitor the PACCE implementation to determine how to further enhance and scale career pathway programming and to determine ways to foster more opportunities for student work-based learning.

Strategy 3: Work with partner organizations and policymakers to expand career-connected learning opportunities and scale the number of career pathways available to students.

Goal III: Work with all area school districts and educational stakeholder groups to address student attendance and chronic absenteeism rates.

Policy Focus: Student Attendance

Strategy 1: Work with Learn to Earn Dayton and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center to sustain the county-wide school attendance campaign and align those efforts with the statewide *Stay in the Game* initiative.

Strategy 2: Work with area legislators and stakeholders to identify how best to support efforts to encourage student attendance through either legislation (e.g., HB 348) or the use of other program incentives.