



## **Madison County- Tolles Business Advisory Council Meeting March 13, 2025**

1. Introductions & Sign In
2. Senator Reynolds -
  - Serves as Housing Chair, Vice Chair of Judiciary, Vice Chair of Workforce Development
  - Ohio is a leader with public-private partnerships and collaboration between schools and businesses
  - AI- can be a tool for good but we must also guard against data breaches
  - Tour of CyberSecurity Lab-- \$600,000 to renovate program at Tolles funded by Ohio Capital Budget; student enrollment doubled in the program (25 to 50)
  - Is it time to look at a new model of new funding schools so senior citizens are not pitted against families with children & schools? May need a band aid fix while working on a systemic solution
  - Local government fund bonus- hoping to get this into the budget
3. Housing Development- David Kell
  - Significant development of housing in Madison County and school districts; continual partnership with districts to ensure districts are able to plan for the future
  - 817 home development in London in next 5-7 years
  - New development in West Jefferson
  - Need for utility development in Jonathan Alder
4. Tolles Update
  - Construction Update
  - Enrollment Update- expected enrollment for 2025-26-- 873 Level 1 and 500 Level 2 students; 137 incoming nursing students, doubling criminal justice students
  - Always looking for programming needed to meet workforce needs





- Adult education- new programming upcoming
- Started career exploration classes in districts
- 30 million addition being completed
- Elementary (5th grade) school career fair at Franklin County Fairgrounds- a discovery fair and to engage students; Businesses interested in participating contact [sbibbee@tollestechnology.com](mailto:sbibbee@tollestechnology.com)

#### 5. Biennium Budget Discussion

- Big concern is maintaining partnership between state and local funding.
- State share supports vulnerable populations- special education, EL students (number of students growing)
- Concern about Guarantee and districts being penalized for growing
- Need to keep districts whole

#### 6. District Updates

- Madison Plains partnering with Tolles on equipment grant to provide training to students in heavy equipment
- Satellite programming in grades 7, 8 and 9

#### 7. Round the horn.

- OMH job fair at Joann Distribution Center; getting ready to lay off 150 employees

**Future BAC Meetings: May 15th**

