

2025-2026 Business Advisory Council Joint Statement Template

EACH BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ITS SCHOOL BOARD SHALL FILE A JOINT STATEMENT, NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR, DESCRIBING HOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SERVICE CENTER AND ITS BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL HAS FULFILLED THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION [3313.82](#) OF THE REVISED CODE.

Name of Business Advisory Council (BAC): **Licking Regional Business Community Advisory Council**

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Has there been any change in the structure or leadership of your Business Advisory Council since you submitted your plan for this academic year? **No** If yes, please provide details.

Of goals submitted in your 2025-2026 Business Advisory Council Plan, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being fully accomplished... **10 fully accomplished**

- **#1 Create a Business/Industry Directory**
- **#2 Maintain and grow the existing relationships among business, labor, and education personnel in the Licking County community.**
- **#3 Use the Career Pathways Tool Kit Resources**
- **#4 Maintain and Grow Sub Committee's work within BCAC**
- **#5 Secure a local site for Junior Achievement's Biz Town and Finance Park**
- **#6 Support the Career Xpress conference for high school juniors**

What goals were you able to accomplish?

Goal #1, Creating a Business/Industry Directory:

The Licking County Chamber of Commerce continues to lead this initiative and a directory was created and constantly updated via Google Form. Growing the business/industry partner's involvement in the BCAC is ongoing.

Goal #2, Maintain and Grow Relationships:

Current business/industry partners are sharing BCAC events/activities with their circle of contacts. The Licking County Chamber of Commerce continues to send communications to Chamber members on the BCAC's behalf. More companies are joining the BCAC. A biennial Educator Business After Hours will be planned for February, 2027

Goal #3, Use Career Pathways Tool Kit Resources

The School Partnership subcommittee within the BCAC are using the Tool Kits with after-school programming at various high schools and middle schools. OMJ launched their first non-summer mobile crew and the tool kits are used to promote career pathways and work experiences. The C-TEC Manufacturing Day exposed students from Lakewood HS to three different labs that connect to the Tool Kit Resources. C-TEC and OMJ are working with students in various districts regarding In-demand jobs that support the Tool Kit Resources. Lunch-time events at Newark HS connect students to In-demand jobs that support the Tool Kit Resources. Various BCAC business partners are involved in this programming.

Goal #4, Maintain and Grow Sub Committees within BCAC

Sub Committees are formed and continue to grow as membership in the BCAC grows. Monthly subcommittee work is reported out at the BCAC bi-monthly meetings. A new Educator Boot Camp program was created out of the BCAC.

Goal #5, Secure a local site supporting Junior Achievement's Biz Town and Finance Park.

Junior Achievement Columbus recently located Biz Town and Finance Park in the Newark Schools area on Granville Rd. Local students in 5th and 8th grades are participating in this hands-on curriculum. The LRESC and BCAC were instrumental in bringing these experiences to Licking and surrounding counties. We use the BCAC members to enhance and grow the experiences for students.

Progress on Goal #6, Support the Career Xpress conference for high school juniors

Sub Committees are formed with BCAC members and session topics, key note speakers, career fair/college fair participates are being secured for the March, 2027 conference from BCAC membership. Logistics are organized and coordinated for this OSU/COTC location.

What challenges have you experienced implementing your goals?

Time in the school schedule to involve more students is always a challenge.

What new partnerships has your Business Advisory Council formed for the 2025-2026 school year?

- GROW Licking County has a new Executive Director who presented to the group. Soft Skills curriculum for students will be a focus in upcoming years.
- Young Leaders in Licking County is a new partner. There are 200 members and we are educating them on how they can get involved in the various events, activities supported by the BCAC.
- Ohio Manufacturing Association is another new partner who has a new Executive Director. She will present to the group in March, 2026.

Please list any new business partners, organizations, or community stakeholders that have been added.

The Energy Co Op, Tosoh SMD, Inc., WCLT Radio, Inc., State Industrial Products, Sands Decker, Mt Vernon Country Club, Hinderer Motor Company

Have you added or removed any goals from your 2025-2026 Business Advisory Council Plan? **NO**

Has your Business Advisory Council received any media coverage or participated in any case studies during this school year? We were featured in the LRESC's monthly newsletter and the Chamber of Commerce provided coverage on social media.

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BUSINESS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH L. C. CHAMBER FOR BUSINESS AFTER HOURS.



Licking Trade Group with
C-TEC

Licking Regional ESC's Business Community Advisory Council was a sponsor for the Chamber of Commerce Education After Hours event, February 20 at the Newark City Schools Building on Newark Granville Road. Thirty nine businesses and over 70 educators attended. This supports the BUILD PARTNERSHIPS Priority: Develop working relationships among businesses, labor, and educational personnel.

SEE PAGE 12 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR A LISTING OF L.R.E.S.C./B.C.A.C ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR.

2025 Business Advisory Councils

Message from Beth Bronkar, BCAC Coordinator
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The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce announced that Licking Regional ESC's Business Community Advisory Council was recognized as one of the 2025 Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellent Business Advisory Councils.

The Licking Regional ESC's Business Community Advisory Council (BCAC) is focused on partnerships that connect education and business leaders to engage in dialogue, build trust and identify strategies that transform the student learning experience. The on-going, intentional collaboration has resulted in a more responsive education system based on regional economic drivers and needs, more relevant learning experiences for students that include work-based learning opportunities, and partnerships between schools and local industries.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH L. C. OHIO MEANS JOBS AND L.R.E.S.C. FOR CAREER XPRESS.

The Career Xpress Conference for High school juniors was sponsored by the BCAC that supports the "COORDINATE EXPERIENCES" Priority: Create environments that allow students to demonstrate proficiency in critical professional and socialized skills that will aid in future employment.

COTC/OSU hosted the conference March 11 & 12 for which 125 volunteers were involved. Students attended topics in breakout sessions, Mock Interviewing, Career/College Fair, Opening and Closing sessions. The sponsors for this were MPW, LC Foundation, LC Chamber of Commerce, Spectrum, Clear Sky-Lancaster, Licking Memorial Health Systems, COTC/OSU, and Licking Regional ESC's BCAC.



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