

DODGE COUNTY WORKFORCE FORUM

BUILDING TOMORROW'S TALENT TODAY

Thursday, August 6th, 2026

9:00am - 11:00am

Mayville High School

500 N. Clark St. Mayville, WI

Join us for an engaging morning focused on the future of Dodge County's workforce. Learn how skills-based hiring is transforming the way employers find and evaluate talent, hear updates on local workforce programs and initiatives, and discover how schools are preparing the next generation through a featured Mayville Tech Ed presentation.

Whether you're an employer, educator, or community leader, you'll gain new ideas, useful connections, and actionable ways to support a stronger, workforce-ready community.



Agenda Highlights:

- **The Shift to Skills-Based Hiring**
Seth Lentz and Becky Kikkert, Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin
- **Work-Based Learning**
Youth Apprenticeship, Inspire WI, GPS Ed, MBA, & C2C Fund
- **Mayville Tech Ed Spotlight**
Dave Seiler, Mayville High School, Tech and Engineering Education Teacher

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**THURSDAY
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**MAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
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8:30am - 9:00am:

Networking & Coffee

Check-in, coffee, and informal networking with employers, educators, and workforce partners.

9:00am - 9:10am:

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Nate Olson, Community Development Administrator, Dodge County

9:10am - 9:50am:

Keynote Presentation: The Shift to Skills-Based Hiring

Seth Lentz and Becky Kikkert, Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin
Discover how skills-based hiring is transforming the recruitment process by shifting the focus from degrees and job titles to competencies, abilities, and what potential candidates and workers bring to the workforce to meet the evolving needs of today's employers.

9:50am - 10:00am:

Break

10:00am - 10:45am:

Workforce Programs in Action

Hear updates on workforce initiatives, employer resources, partnerships, and programs available to support talent attraction, retention, and workforce development in Dodge County K-12 Schools.

CESA 6: Inspire WI & Youth Apprenticeship (20 min)

Rebecca Droessler; Career Readiness Consultant, CESA6

- **2025-26 Updates and Impact & Upcoming 2026-27 Events**

GPS Education (10 min)

Andrew Zindars, Senior Partner Services Manager, GPS Education Partners

- **Work-based learning in action & success stories**

Manufacturing Business Alliance (MBA) (10 min)

Nate Olson, Dodge County Community Development Administrator

- **School Tours & Student Engagement**

Classroom to Careers Fund Update (5 min)

Nate Olson, Community Development Administrator, Dodge County

10:45am - 11:00am:

Spotlight Presentation: Mayville High School Tech Ed

Dave Sieler, Tech and Engineering Education Teacher, Mayville High School
Learn how local education and technical education programs are preparing the future workforce and building employer connections.

11:00am - 11:45am

(Optional) Guided Tour of Mayville High School & Tech Ed Dept.