



Department of Educational Support Services · Professional Development Program

NY Inspires | POG: Building Career Pathways for Every Student: Implementing Work-Based Learning and Advisory Boards Aligned with the NYS Portrait of a Graduate Presented by Bridget Lopiccolo, Career Mindset, Inc.

New York State is placing increasing emphasis on **career exploration, workforce readiness, and authentic learning experiences for students**. Many districts want to expand these opportunities but are unsure how to:

- Build meaningful partnerships with local businesses and industry
- Establish an advisory board that supports career exploration initiatives
- Connect classroom curriculum to real-world careers
- Develop sustainable Work-Based Learning opportunities for students

This four-session series provides a **practical roadmap for building a district Work-Based Learning ecosystem** aligned with the expectations of the **New York State Portrait of a Graduate**.

Session 1 – October 14, 2026 Advisory Boards: The Foundation for Career Exploration	Learn how advisory boards serve as the organizational structure that supports career exploration, industry partnerships, and Work-Based Learning initiatives within a district. Understand the purpose of an advisory board, who should serve on it, and how it can guide the development of meaningful career exploration programs aligned with New York State expectations.
Session 2 – December 9, 2026 Launching Your First Advisory Board Partnership Event	Learn how to design and facilitate your first advisory board partnership event! Explore strategies for bringing together educators, local businesses, and community partners to build relationships that support student career exploration and future workforce opportunities.
Session 3 – January 6, 2027 Building a Community Career Network Connected to Curriculum	Learn how to create and organize a network of local professionals who can support classroom learning through career talks, mentorship opportunities, and industry insights. Explore strategies for connecting curriculum topics to real-world careers and building an accessible directory of professionals who can partner with schools.
Session 4 – February 10, 2027 Work-Based Learning 101: Building Real-World Student Experiences	Explore strategies for developing Work-Based Learning experiences tailored to students' needs and district goals. Participants will begin outlining the components of a Work-Based Learning handbook and examine the steps needed to establish or strengthen a registered program that supports career readiness.

TIME: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM (each session)
COST: \$299 for subscribers / \$349 for non-subscribers (Price Includes all 4 Sessions)
AUDIENCE: Educators who are charged with following recommendations by NYS to increase efforts for career exploration, district leaders supporting Portrait of a Graduate
LOCATION: Instructional Support Center @ Sequoya, 750 Waverly Ave, Holtsville, NY
REGISTER: <http://webreg.esboces.org>
CTLE: Content



Bridget Lopiccolo brings over 30 years of combined experience in education and in business. As a licensed Business Educator, Special Education teacher, and Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Bridget has dedicated her career to guiding students toward meaningful post-secondary paths. Working for East Islip School District for 24 years, she served as Coordinator of the district's advisory board, Coordinator of WBL Program, and CDOS teacher. She crafted and organized career experiences for thousands of students. Bridget's passion is to help students transition from school to work. Her professional background includes serving as a Legislative Aid for the Town of Islip, where she gained valuable insights into government and community engagement. Her workshops are designed to equip educators with the tools and knowledge needed to navigate graduation requirements and integrate career experiences that prepare students for success in the 21st century and beyond.



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