



Madison County- Tolles Business Advisory Council Meeting September 16, 2026

1. Introductions & Sign In

2. Tolles Update

- CTE Access Grant
- Facility Update
 - i. Possible Ribbon Cutting on January 7 or 8, 2027
 - ii. Expanding the welding program; new wing for nursing (students earn CNA first year, second year can earn college tuition with employers); electric program is exploding (may add in HVAC)
- Broadband Infrastructure Program - Adult Education - October 6, 2026; could be an option for recent graduates
- Adult Education- exploring possible Paramedic program
- Enrollment by program- enrollment has expanded significantly to 1341 students (up from 600 six years ago)
- Industry credentials changing- will be meeting on Monday in Columbus regarding changes
- Internship and Elite Programs- 2 by 2 program has 110 students; ½ day option for internship; Elite Program (satellite) has 30 students- students do not come to Tolles but have work based learning experience with early release/ late start, 99% are college bound students; is beneficial for businesses to partner with Tolles for ORC liability protections





3. School District Updates

- Jefferson Local-- added an academic pathways position; new HS principal taking students to Construction fair in Hilliard; Find Your Grind-6th-8th grade students; developing a students agency cohort exploring student voice & choice; 7th grade students will come to Tolles and explore programming
- London City- growing program in elementary schools with interns; Parapro training for students to support reading in younger grades (15 minutes 2x week with kindergarteners reading below grade level); You Science being given to 7th, 8th, 9th grade students; taking students with high aptitude in engineering but low interest to Honda; students will be attending Build My Future residential construction fair in Hillard
- Jonathan Alder- Preapprenticeships continuing & added restaurant services; 6 students placed in classrooms for Prek-12 education, 2 students in project management; Career Cohorts for Freshman using School Links- future ready Pioneer Periods (speakers, field trips, etc); added 2 more CCP classes
- Madison Plains- Current construction project offering opportunities for students to see construction opportunities; students taking advantage of agricultural industry opportunities; Looking to bring back You Science

4. Brittany Barnhiser, Ohio Means Jobs

- Wanting to push services out to help people see that OMJ is not a “temp job” service but offers many support and services
- CCMEP program- 14- 24 years; supportive services to address barriers
- Adult WIOA
- Working to engage with all students, provide opportunities and help guide them
- Looking for opportunities to present to teachers, families, Boards, PTOs
- Apprenticeship & Preapprenticeship- GOWBI (Greater Ohio Workforce Board Initiative) 3rd party provider for businesses to develop Apprenticeship program (will complete all the paperwork)
- Also can support students who are parents
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5. Family & Children First Council

- Can help address attendance issues
- Can help families address barriers

6. Additional Updates

- ASVAB- can be used toward Honors Diploma and has a second component that looks at aptitudes and interests
- Question- are CTE courses approved for NCAA requirements?
- To explore- In what ways could students be given experience with operating and repairing agriculture equipment? Farm Science Review has shared ideas; Southeastern FFA has opportunities in an Ag class; simulators in these areas; could explore flex credit as a county; could a bundle be submitted countywide/ through Tolles
- To explore- grants for simulators for equipment (Employ Bridge- Robin has contact for a simulator)

Future BAC Meetings

Tolles Career & Technical Center beginning at 8:30 AM.

November 19, 2026

February 18, 2027

April 22, 2027

