

2025 Joint Statement for Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (MVESC) Business Advisory Council

1. Changes to Business Advisory Council Structure or Leadership:

No changes to leadership, Eastin Lewellen is still the point of contact and Adam Copeland is secondary contact. MVESC expanded localized BAC meetings to 18 annually.

2. Accomplishment of Goals from 2024 Business Advisory Council Plan:

MVESC rates its goal achievements at 9/10 due to significant progress in key initiatives:

- **Driver's Education Program:** Expanded to 30 schools, serving 1,500+ students with 90 part-time staff. Secured CODE Grant, Honda Grant, and Drive to Succeed Grant, ensuring affordability and accessibility.
- **Healthcare Preceptorship:** Supported by the Industry Sector Partnership Grant, this initiative provides local students with a 40-hour paid healthcare internship at Genesis Healthcare over the next 18 months. Each student receives \$599 upon completion. Key partners include Genesis Healthcare (internship provider), Zane State College (\$500 scholarships), and SOCHE (fiscal agent). Zane State will also host on-site days and school visits with interactive activities, strengthening pathways to employment and higher education.
- **Future Healers Club:** Partnered with Genesis Healthcare to provide students hands-on exposure to healthcare careers, including live surgery Zoom sessions.
- **Appalachian STEM Collaborative:** Recognized as a state STEM Hub, hosting four convenings with 150+ educational leaders per event, supporting STEM workforce development.
- **Junior Achievement Inspire Event:** Engaged 1500 students with 60+ businesses for career exploration, enhancing student awareness of local career opportunities.

Challenges Faced:

- Instructor shortages in Driver's Ed addressed through recruitment incentives.
- Business engagement challenges in Healthcare Preceptorship mitigated by strong partnerships.
- Expanding STEM Collaborative reach through hybrid events.

3. New Partnerships for 2024-2025 Academic Year:

- AI OWL providing AI training for schools and businesses.
- Building Bridges to Careers expanding high school mentorship programs.
- Workforce and transportation initiatives strengthened through board memberships.

4. Goals Added or Modified:

- Expanded Driver's Ed, STEM, and healthcare career pathways.

- Increased participation and business engagement in Junior Achievement Inspire Event.

5. Media Coverage and Recognition:

- **Ohio School Board Association Award:** Driver's Ed recognized as Best New and Innovative Program.
 - <https://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/story/news/local/2024/09/20/mvesc-recognized-for-driver-education-program/75262777007/>
 - <https://www.mchnews.com/articles/mvesc-recognized-by-osba-for-outstanding-new-program/>
- **Publicity on STEM and Workforce Initiatives:** Featured in regional and state news.
 - <https://www.10tv.com/article/news/local/ohio/dewine-wants-funding-for-drivers-education-programs-ohio-schools/530-aefd63fc-f74c-46f6-98c2-760c75583c7f>
 - <https://signalcleveland.org/it-is-now-time-to-put-drivers-training-back-in-our-high-schools-gov-mike-dewine-says/>
 - https://yourradioplac.com/mvesc-expands-student-healthcare-internship-program-with-state-grant/#google_vignette
 - <https://www.whiznews.com/mvesc-announces-internship-program/>
 - <https://www.ecoesc.org/appalachian-stem-collaborative-local-escs-bring-together-district-leaders-strategic-partners/>
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Conclusion:

MVESC's BAC continues to drive workforce development, career readiness, and industry engagement, ensuring students are well-prepared for future careers.