

Business Advisory Council Joint Statement Template

JOINT STATEMENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY MARCH 1, 2025

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:

PAULDING COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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1. Are there any changes to your Business Advisory Councils' structure or leadership since you submitted your plan for this academic year?

The Paulding County Business Advisory Council (BAC) has experienced a significant increase in participation from business leaders and college universities. This heightened engagement is evidenced by the strong interest in our upcoming Career Day event, scheduled for April 2, 2025. This event will provide invaluable networking opportunities for students and professionals alike.

We are pleased to welcome many new members to our BAC committee. These members have actively contributed their insights and ideas, helping to elevate our community engagement efforts. Their diverse perspectives and innovative suggestions have been instrumental in fostering a collaborative environment aimed at enhancing the economic and educational landscape of Paulding County.

As we continue to grow and evolve, we remain committed to building strong partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions. Together, we strive to create opportunities that benefit our community and support the development of a skilled and dynamic workforce.

2. Of goals submitting in your 2024 Business Advisory Council Plan, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being goal accomplished. What goals were you able to accomplish?
- Goal: YouScience Utilization Program (Rating 10/10)
 - This year's YouScience Engagement Report showed 100% student engagement verses last year's report showed 60% engagement.
 - Goal: Future Farmers of America Participation (Rating 10/10)
 - Student Enrollment has increased by 25%
 - Goal: BAC Council Participation (Rating 8/10)
 - Continued improvement with communication between school districts, businesses and colleges.
 - Goal: Youth Business Showcase Event (Rating 10/10)
 - The Entrepreneur Showcase Event is being expanded and advertising has been increased.
 - Goal: Wayne Trace Steam Center (9/10)
 - There has been curriculum expansion and equipment acquisition.
 - Goal: Construction Basics Program (10/10)
 - This program provides certified credentials for Construction Basics, blue print reading, OSHA 10, and Yellowbelt education.
 - Goal: Limitless Adult/Student Developmental Disability Program (Rating 10/10)
 - Continuing to providing immersive learning experience along with work training for adults/students with developmental disabilities.
 - Goal: Freshman English Development of Soft Skills (Rating 9/10)
 - Continuing to develop verbal and written skills to enable the students to have stronger interviewing skills.
 - Goal: Vantage Career Center Open House Participation (Rating 10/10)
 - The open house has continued to promote record increases of applications of enrollment at the Career Center.
 - Goal: Podcast to Promote Local Businesses (Rating 10/10)
 - These podcasts continue to allow students the opportunity to learn about local businesses from inside leaders to determine if their aptitude correlates to these businesses.
 - Goal: Teacher Bootcamp Participation (Rating 10/10)
 - Past successes from this program have facilitated much conversation with teachers and local businesses.
 - Goal: Grover Hill STEAM Night Event (Rating 8/10)
 - Continued increasing number of participants to attend event and be introduced to and learn about the community employment and business opportunities in the area.
 - Goal: Vantage Career Center BAC Participation (Rating 7/10)
 - Continued participation in each individual BAC program committee at Vantage. Increasing communication between Vantage and Paulding County Economic Development Office on program meeting schedules.
 - Goal: Community Service Day Event (Rating 10/10)
 - Increased interactions between students and businesses.
 - Goal: Business, Industry and College Showcase Participation (Rating 8/10)
 - Continue to introduce regional business, financial, manufacturing and colleges to students with three new businesses and two colleges attending this year.
 - Goal: Paulding High School Panthers for Careers Work-study Program (Rating 10/10)

- Continuing to expand opportunities for Paulding students looking to work and engage with local businesses.
- Goal: Green Day Event (Rating 8/10)
 - Continuing to foster a positive working relationship with the Paulding County Soil & Water Conservation District.
- Goal: Lead 4 Change Program (Rating 10/10)
 - Continue to increase student participation which leads to receiving Leadership credentials.

a. What challenges have you experienced implementing your goals?

Our greatest challenge lies in coordinating with local school officials to allocate time within their busy schedules for business leaders and other speakers to engage with the students. Additionally, securing funding to support special events that facilitate connections between businesses and students and help educate and support county engagement remains a significant hurdle.

3. What new partnerships have your Business Advisory Council formed for the SY24?

Business and college participation continues to increase at our Business Advisory Council meetings.

4. Have you added or removed any goals submitted in your SY24 Business Advisory Council Plans? If so, please provide details.

Unfortunately, the Welding Program was removed due to a lack of instructors.

5. Have you received any media coverage or participated in any case studies as a Business Advisory Council? If so, please share.

The Paulding County Economic Development Office (PCED) hosts a weekly podcast that introduces businesses to the community and the BAC Council is often mentioned in those discussions.

The PCED office also submits press releases to regional newspapers after each quarterly meeting and provides additional information on different local events.