



Lawrence County ESC Business Advisory Joint Statement

The Lawrence County Business Advisory Council is a collaboration between our county's business leaders and schools to provide the best career education experience for our students throughout Lawrence County. We have meetings scheduled quarterly, although this year we have moved a few meeting dates and rescheduled due to Covid-19 issues. So far this year, we have held meetings via Zoom platform on Sept. 3, 2020 and Dec. 3, 2020; with one more virtual meeting scheduled for April 3, 2021 and an in-person meeting taking place June 3, 2021.

Through a grant with the Ohio Appalachian Foundation and support from our council and schools, The Lawrence County Civic Internship Program was created and has begun implementation this year. A total of twenty students were selected for internships and will peer tutor in discussions and presentations of their experience. This can have a great impact on approximately 600 civic learners in our county. First steps of county students applying, then interviewing began in the fall and winter, with the first "roundtable" information-share and discussion amongst the interns with our county officials. This first meeting as well as five subsequent meetings will take place remotely this year only.

At this time, we are proceeding with plans to have our "Hired!" event virtually this year, where approximately 900 students will take part in four to five remote events. We will also be showcasing our Recyclable Sculpture Projects county middle and high school students took part in in the Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade as scheduled.

Other BAC/Project First Impression Educational Committee environmental projects will take place in May at our local participating schools, who work in conjunction with county agencies and the Lawrence County Commissioner's Office.